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DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officers

Moderator

Robert L. Eckert

Selectmen

George E. Lay Ralph L. Buzzell George J. P. Stevens

Board of Public Welfare

J. Arthur Ollis Hazen M. Emery Jean S. Stuart

Assessors

Frank M. Hargraves Term expires 1957

Alvin F. Heath Term expires 1958

E. Palmer Sargent Term expires 1959

Town Clerk

C. Howard Phillips

Tax Collector

Wilfred G. Journeay Term expires 1958

Town Treasurer

Roy C. Journeay

Municipal Light Commissioners

Ray Wallace	Term expires 1957
J. Arthur Ollis	Term expires 1958
Ulysses N. Corson	Term expires 1959

Municipal Water Commissioners

Ray Wallace	Term expires 1957
J. Arthur Ollis	Term expires 1958
Ulysses N. Corson	Term expires 1959

School Committee

Frederick N. Sweetsir	Term expires 1957
Kenneth G. Fowle	Term expires 1957
Irving G. Blake	Term expires 1953
Virginia H. Webster	Term expires 1959
Carl G. Olson	Term expires 1959

Trustees of Cemetery

Arthur R. Clark	Term expires 1957
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1958
Merrill B. Smith	Term expires 1959

Trustees of Public Library

Olive S. Wilde	Term expires 1957
Burnell S. O'Brien	Term expires 1957
Alvin F. Heath	Term expires 1958
Robert L. Eckert	Term expires 1958
Barbara N. Adams	Term expires 1959
Charles M. Tibbetts	Term expires 1959

Cecil L. Dressler	Term expires 1957
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1958
*Bernard C. Bickum	Term expires 1959

*To fill vacancy caused by resignation of Donald J. Selby

George D. Currier	Term expires 1957
George J. P. Stevens	Term expires 1958
Merrill B. Smith	Term expires 1959
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1960
Arthur R. Cloyd	Term expires 1961

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Robert K. Silvia Richard E. Sargent
Robert L. Eckert

Harold K. Joralmon

*Tenure of office for incumbent.

Planning Board

Milton E. Webster	Term expires 1957
Edgar P. Sargent	Term expires 1958
Russell E. Kershaw	Term expires 1959
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1960
Allan B. MacGregor	Term expires 1961

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Night Watchman

Fred A. Smith, Constable

Special Police Officers

Alexander M. Sullivan	Thomas Chaff
Clarence O. Libby (Honorary)	Leon L. Dow
Ronald C. Sarasin	George R. Buzzell
John F. McCarron	James L. Howe (Grange Hall)
Harold M. Waterhouse (Cattle Crossing)	Albert W. Lord
George J. P. Stevens	Merrill B. Smith
John P. Gilmore (Pumping Station)	
Harold Mooney (Light & Water Dept.)	
	Kenneth E. Haskell (School)
George Keller (Light & Water Dept.)	

Robert K. Silvia	William J. Burns
Beulah M. Mitchell	Richard G. Noone
Harlan M. Haight (Cemeteries)	
Gordon J. Roberts	Raymond P. David
Mrs. Frances N. Frazier	Mrs. Gertrude C. Kopanski
Joseph Gilmore (School Crossing)	
Harold Joralmon (Tree Work)	Robert H. Adams
Carl G. Olson	Francis J. Mathews (Dog Officer)

Sworn Weighers

Byron Sargent	Mrs. Isobel Knight
George L. Sargent	John A. Hutchins
Ralph L. Buzzell	David Stewart
Eleanor Eckert	Wallace Spencer
Robert L. Eckert	

Fence Viewers

E. Palmer Sargent	William J. Battis
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Inspectors of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

John A. Hutchins

Inspector of Wiring

Ulysses N. Corson

Moth Superintendent

Harold Joralmon

Burial Agent

Charles J. Vincent

Veterans Service Officer

Charles J. Vincent

Town Forest Committee

Harold C. Lamb Term expires 1957

Harold Joralmon Term expires 1958

S. C. Doust Term expires 1959

Registrars of Voters

C. Howard Phillips

James P. Flynn

George Gulezian

Bernard Hume

Janitor of Town Hall

Guy Sheldon

Veterans Agent

George E. Lay

Agent of the Board of Health

W. Harold Whiting

Superintendent of Streets

Albert W. Lord

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Merrill B. Smith

Dog Officer

Francis J. Mathews

Health Nurse

Cecile Sargent

Town Accountant

W. Harold Whiting

Director of Civil Defense

Parker T. Walton

*Russell C. Harrington

*Fill vacancy caused by death of Mr. Walton

Forest Fire Warden

George R. Buzzell

Engineers of Fire Department

George R. Buzzell

John H. Hughes

Richard J. Powers

Election Officers

Mary D. Flynn

Rita E. Kimball

Mary E. Flynn

Mellisa Buzzell

Mary F. Casazza

Marjorie Staples

Elaine Noone

Alfreda Lovell

Mable Dressler

Grace Clark

Nora Dwyer

Edna Harrington

Bonelle M. Gardt

Helen M. Journeay

Bertha R. Clark

Irene M. Hamel

Mary Cheney

Marie A. Kelly

MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency fire alarm telephone number 6-2211

Emergency phone 6-2211 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason line is out of order, dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

In all cases give your name and exact location of fire.

3-3 Chief's Call.

- 4 Mass. N. E. Bus Garage, East Main St.
- 5 Merrimac Square.
- 12 Locust St., corner of Green St.
- 13 Main St., Opposite Forrest St.
- 14 Main St., near residence of William H. Franklin
- 15 Birch Meadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac line.
- 16 Woodland and Grove Sts.
- 17 School and Pleasant Sts.
- 18 School and Mill Sts.
- 21 East Main St., opposite Skip's Snack Bar
- 23 East Main St., near residence of John P. Gilmore
- 24 Church St., opposite Maple St.
- 25 Liberty and Mechanic Sts.
- 26 Summer and Prospect Sts.
- 27 Church St., near residence of Richard Powers
- 28 Sawyer and Nichols Sts.
- 31 Pleasant St., Merrimacport
- 32 Merrimac St., near Middle Rd.
- 34 Merrimac St., Merrimacport
- 35 High St., Merrimacport, near Merrimac Brass Foundry
- 36 Merrimac and Broad Sts., Merrimacport
- 41 Lower East Main St., Lake Attitash entrance
- 42 Lake Attitash Park at Fern Ave.
- 51 Locust and Walnut Sts.
- 52 Lower Locust St., to Merrimac - Haverhill Line
- 62 Birch Meadow Rd., and Hadley District. Tel. No Box
- 71 Bear Hill Rd. to Newton, N. H. Line. Tel. No Box
- 72 West Shore, Lake Attitash. Tel. No Box
- 74 Dance Hall, Lake Attitash. Tel. No Box

No Box — Call 6-2211

2 Recall — All Out — Also All Clear Air Raid

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 A. M. 11—11—11— No school all day.

11:30 A. M. 11—11—11 No school in grades seven and eight.

Air Raid Warning

YELLOW ALERT (Warning) 7

RED ALERT (Take Cover) 7 - 7

WHITE ALERT (All Clear) 1 - 1

CD Instructions and All Clear will also be broadcast over Conelrad 640 and 1240 on your radio dial.

Merrimac is located in Area 1, Sector 1G.

JURY LIST

The following Jury List for the calendar year beginning July 1, 1956 has been prepared by the Merrimac Selectmen in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4 of the General Laws and adopted June 25, 1956.

Wardell E. Acheson Emery St. Boxboard

Haverhill Boxboard Co., Haverhill, Mass.

Wilfred A. Allen Lake Attitash Cutter

Engel-Lewis Co., Merrimac, Mass.

Andrew Anderson 17 West Main St. Western Electric

Western Electric, No. Andover, Mass.

Howard E. Anderson 1 Billings Rd. Machinist

Clayman Shoe, Haverhill, Mass.

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Clayman Shoe, Haverhill, Mass.

Frank D. Atwood 32 Summer St. Television Tech.
Self Employed, Merrimac, Mass.

Alfred M. Bailey 13 West Main St. Machinist
Portsmouth Navy Yard

John W. Baird 30 School St. Towle's
Newburyport, Mass.

Avon J. Beauvais 10 Prospect Hill Woodheeler
Russell Wood Heel, Plaistow, N. H.

Richard S. Beckford 35 West Main St. Electrician
Self Employed

Richard V. Beebe Highland Rd. Molder
Engle-Lewis Co., Merrimac, Mass.

Henry J. Bertram Bear Hill Rd. Transportation Mgr.
Haverhill, Mass.

William Bickford 24 Union St. Diamond Match
Merrimac, Mass.

Bernard C. Bickum 18 Church St. Foreman
Hamel Leather Co., Haverhill, Mass.

Armand Bisson Burnside Lane Shoe Worker
Amesbury, Mass.

Walter L. Boxell Trailer Park Carpenter
Self Employed, Merrimac, Mass.

Irvine G. Burbeck 21 East Main St. Electrician
Self Employed, Merrimac, Mass.

Lester D. Chipman 63 Church St. Wood Heeler
N. E. Wood Heel Co., Amesbury, Mass.

Alva W. Clark 110 River Rd. Layout Operator
Western Electric, Haverhill, Mass.

John H. O'Brien, Jr. 99 River Rd. Wool Dealer
Boston, Mass.

Walter I. Tabor 43 East Main St. Insurance Consultant
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Haverhill, Mass.

John C. Wolley 14 Adams St. Bus Driver
North Trans. Co., Merrimac, Mass.

Harry Sanborn Emery St. Mill Worker
Engle Industries, Merrimac, Mass.

Selectmen, Chairman	325.00
Selectmen, Clerk	200.00
Selectmen, Other Member	150.00
Board of Public Welfare, Chairman	200.00
Board of Public Welfare, Clerk	200.00
Board of Public Welfare, Other Member	100.00
Assessors, Chairman	410.00
Assessors, Clerk	385.00
Assessors, Other Member	335.00
Tax Collector	2,200.00
Tree Warden Department	1,400.00
Municipal Light Commissioners	
three @ \$50.00 each	150.00
Municipal Water Commissioners	
three @ \$50.00 each	150.00
Treasurer	750.00
Article 4 - Expenses	
Selectmen's Departmental Expenses	400.00
Town Accountant Salary	3,380.00
Town Accountant Expenses	725.00
Treasurer Expenses	500.00
Tax Collector Expenses	600.00
Assessors Expenses	800.00
Town Clerk Expenses	300.00
Registrars of Voters, Chairman Salary	100.00
Registrars of Voters, three other members	
@ \$50.00 each	150.00
Janitor Town Hall, Salary	240.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs	200.00
Bonding Town Officers	500.00
Election Officers	500.00
Police Department	9,343.00
Fire Engineers, Salary, Chief	300.00
Fire Engineers, Salary, Clerk	200.00
Fire Engineers, Salary, Other Member	150.00
Fire Department	4,400.00

Sealer Weights and Measures, Salary	150.00
Sealer Weights and Measures, Expense	35.00
Inspector Wiring, Salary	90.00
Inspector Wiring, Expense	5.00
Dog Officer, Fees	150.00
Moth Department	869.00
Town Forest	400.00
Forest Fire Warden	200.00
Board of Health	1,500.00
Health Nurse, Salary and Expense	1,900.00
Inspector of Animals, Salary	100.00
Inspector of Animals, Expense	5.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary	20.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Expense	5.00
Inspector of Milk, Salary	20.00
Inspector of Milk, Expense	5.00
Snow and Washouts	7,500.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	600.00
Rocks Bridge	1,100.00
Street Lights	6,513.42
Public Welfare	5,000.00
Soldiers Benefits	3,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	8,000.00
Old Age Assistance	35,000.00
Disability Assistance	4,000.00
School Department	116,700.52
Public Library	1,500.00
Memorial Day	400.00
Vocational Aid	3,000.00
Lighting Town Buildings	1,098.31
Insurance	5,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Interest	10,000.00
Cemeteries	3,000.00
Vital Statistics	250.00
Water in Town Buildings	585.00

Printing Town Reports	638.40
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Total	\$251,544.65
Article 7 Playground	\$ 1,500.00
Article 9 Tax Title Possessions, Repairs ...	100.00
Article 10 Highways, Thickly settled	1,000.00
Article 11 Registrars Expense, Chapter 427 and 440	650.00
Article 13 Legal Suits Expenses	400.00
Article 14 Chapter 90, Highways	2,000.00
Article 15 Town Hall Repairs	1,000.00
Article 17 Chapter 81, Highways	5,450.00
Article 18 Veterans Service Officer, Salary	500.00
Article 19 Veterans Service Officer, Expenses	250.00
Article 20 Essex County Retirement Board	5,015.44
Article 21 Water Maintenance and Operation	24,000.00
Article 22 Welfare Agent Salary	1,920.00
Article 23 Legion Quarters rental	300.00
Article 24 Dutch Elm Disease	1,400.00
Article 25 School Construction, Notes	17,000.00
Article 26 Dog Officer, Salary	100.00
Article 27 Civil Defense	1,800.00
Article 28 Instructors Supervised Play, Salaries	675.00
Article 29 Install Water Main on Abbott Street	4,742.00
Article 32 Christmas Lighting, Parade and Other Expense	300.00
Article 34 Merrimac Portion Pentucket Regional School District Budget for 1956	3,993.50
Article 36 Install 4 Catch Basins on Hillside Avenue	1,500.00
Article 37 New Truck for Highway Department	5,100.00
Article 38 Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,000.00

Article 40	Install Tennis Courts, Playground	2,500.00
Article 42	Extend Water Main on Woodland Street	2,250.00
Article 43	Compressor and Motor, Fire Alarm System and Repairs	1,000.00
Article 44	Two Fire Alarm Boxes	500.00
Article 45	Hose for Fire Department	500.00
Article 48	Four New Hydrants	1,185.00
Article 49	Ten New Wells to Water System	3,500.00
Article 51	Planning Board Expenses	300.00

Total Money Appropriated \$344,975.59

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS

Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

April 18, 1956

Gentlemen:

I submit the following list of appropriations made at the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Merrimac held April 18, 1956:

Article 2	Highway and Chapter 81	\$ 2,427.40
Article 3	Snow and Washouts	2,500.00
Article 4	Highway Thickly Settled Roads	792.35
Article 5	Calculator for Assessors	
Department	200.00

Total Appropriations \$ 5,919.75

Total 1956 \$350,895.34

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Merrimac, I herein submit my annual report of the Department for the year 1956.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Complaints Investigated	509
Messages Delivered	157
Accidents, Automobile and Home	114
Articles and Animals Lost	70
Missing Persons Reported	36
Assistance to Other Departments	74
Assistance to Ill or Injured	14
Ambulance Assistance	35
Funeral Escorts	26
Doors and Windows found open and secured	97
Poles or Wires down, reported	21
Lights left burning, Stores and Public Buildings, Reported	41
Fire reports investigated and Alarms answered	45
Number of assignments to Officers	291
Summonses served for other Departments	39
Days at District Court (Chief)	33
Days at Superior Court (Chief)	4
Days at District Court (Officers)	16
Days at Superior Court (Officers)	4

NUMBER OF ARRESTS FOR YEAR 1956

Male -- Resident	12
Female -- Resident	1
Male -- Non-Resident	47
For other Police Departments	39

Total 99

A total of \$202.68 was paid for Restitution, in property damages cases, as a result of Juvenile Vandalism, without Arrests.

I desire to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, His Honor, Judge Martin F. Connelly, the Associate Justices, the Clerk of Court, the Probation Officer, Officers of the Department, and Auxilliary Police, Superintendents of the Light, Water and Street Departments, and the Citizens of the Town for their Co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN

Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1956.

Number of alarms52

Fire loss\$3,788.75

We wish to thank all Town Officials and citizens for their cooperation and support.

We recommend that the sum of Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800.00) be appropriated for the salaries and general maintenance of the Department.

We also recommend that the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) be raised and appropriated to repair the roof of the Central Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. BUZZELL, Sr.

JOHN H. HUGHES

RICHARD J. POWERS

Fire Engineers

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Planning Board met twice a month during the past year and various sub-boards met many times and their members were unstinting of their time in working on the Town Zoning Ordinance.

In addition to the major effort of preparing and submitting the zoning by-law to the Town Meeting the Board made recommendations to the Selectmen on two other matters and after many meetings and a public hearing conditionally approved a seventy lot housing sub-division at Emery St. and Middle Road.

The Town Zoning by-law along with other required documents is presently being readied for submission to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth for his approval. Once his approval is obtained the by-law will be in effect as of the date of its adoption by the Town Meeting. It is presently intended, if possible, to have the entire zoning by-law printed in next years Town Report, but until then copies of it will be available at the office of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRUCE MacGREGOR

Chairman

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES 1956

Town of Merrimac:

Merrimac, Mass.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1956.

Inspection of Entrance Changes	25
Resident Inspection	40

New Service Inspection	54
Out Door Signs	4
Oil Burner Inspection	25

I wish to thank Mr. Harold Mooney, Manager Electric Light Dept. and Fire Chief Mr. George Buzzell, with the Citizens of the Town for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ULYSSES I. CORSON

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1956.

The Board was organized this year as follows:

Chairman, Frank M. Hargraves

Clerk, Alvin F. Heath

Member, Edgar P. Sargent

The following is a recapitulation of appropriations and estimated income of the town which was used in computing the 1956 tax rate of \$39.00.

1956 RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriations	\$379,121.57
Overlay Deficits	899.63
State Parks & Reservations	348.09
State Audit of Accounts	1,925.04
County Tax	6,583.64
T. B. Hospital Assessment	3,332.55
Underestimates for 1955	147.84
Overlay for 1956	21,043.69

Total amount to be raised

\$413,402.05

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$ 32,410.96
Corporation Taxes	9,378.35
Old Age Tax (Meals)	1,455.32
Motor Vehicle Excise	26,000.00
Licenses	2,711.50
Fines	200.00
General Government	900.00
Protection of Persons & Property	70.00
Health & Sanitation	100.00
Charities	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	23,000.00
Veteran's Services	500.00
Schools	11,000.00
Libraries	100.00
Public Service Enterprise	19,797.86
Cemeteries	600.00
State Assistance for School Const.	10,992.71
Available Funds	63,226.23
Interest	1,000.00
Overestimates for 1955	127.50
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$208,570.43

TAX RATE: \$39.00 per M

Amount to be Raised by Taxation \$204,831.62

Poll Taxes 1,482.00 |Personal Property Taxes 11,507.84 |Real Estate Taxes 191,841.78 |**TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED** **\$204,831.62****TABLE OF AGGREGATES**Value of Real Estate \$4,919,020.00 |Value of Personal Property 295,073.00 |Number of Polls 741 |Value of Automobiles 662,050.00 |Number of Automobiles 1347 |Number of Horses 15 |

Number of Cows	201
Number of other animals	155
Number of Fowls	3,550
Number of Houses	905
Number of acres of Land	4,107

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. HARGRAVES

ALVIN F. HEATH

EDGAR P. SARGENT

Board of Assessors

This has been a very trying and difficult year, both for the taxpayers and this board. As of a vote of the Town at the annual meeting in March, 1955, a revaluation of the Real property has been completed, and as is expected when a radical change is made in any enterprise, there are several problems to be overcome.

We feel that the revaluation program will, in the years to come, prove its desirability. One of its many good points is the duplex card system of ascertaining real values by an accepted and proven system, rather than assessing by the personal opinion of three men who, by the laws of human nature, might be influenced and biased.

The maps of the Town are now in better condition than ever before and are invaluable not only as tools of fair assessments but also for reference by city, state, county and private individuals seeking information as to areas, bounds, etc.

Hardly a week goes by that we do not receive requests that require reference to these maps, which brings up the problem of keeping them up-to-date at all times. As the town grows with more and more building being done each year and so much property changing ownership, so many changes must be accomplished to keep accurate records, it is conceivable that in the not-too-distant future a clerk who may or may not be an assessor, will be required for

full time employment. However, we are not asking this for the year 1957, but it must ultimately be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. HARGRAVES, Chairman
ALVIN F. HEATH
EDGAR P. SARGENT
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I submit herewith my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1956.

I wish to thank the various officials and citizens for their co-operation during the past year.

1954 Personal

1 — 1 — 56		Cash	\$ 1,288.74
Outstanding	\$ 2,838.77	Abatements	564.25
		Outstanding	985.78
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	\$ 2,838.77		\$ 2,838.77

1954 Real Estate

1 — 1 — 56		Cash	\$ 6,298.02
Outstanding	\$ 7,114.19	Abatements	81.28
Refunds	25.80	Tax Titles	270.81
		Outstanding	489.88
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	\$ 7,139.99		\$ 7,139.99

1955 Poll

1 — 1 — 56		Cash	\$ 40.00
Outstanding	\$ 84.00	Abatements	34.00
		Outstanding	10.00
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	\$ 84.00		\$ 84.00

1955 Real Estate

1 — 1 — 56		Cash	\$ 16,896.16
Outstanding	\$ 24,096.56	Abatements	385.20
Refunds	15.00	Outstanding	6,665.01
	129.60	Tax Title	294.79
	<u>\$ 24,241.16</u>		<u>\$ 24,241.16</u>

1955 Personal

1 — 1 — 56		Cash	\$ 2,649.24
Outstanding	\$ 4,767.48	Abatements	23.76
Refund	10.80	Outstanding	2,105.28
	<u>\$ 4,778.28</u>		<u>\$ 4,778.28</u>

1954 Excise

1 — 1 — 56		Cash	\$ 487.60
Outstanding	\$ 1,320.10	Abatement	343.62
		Outstanding	488.88
	<u>\$ 1,320.10</u>		<u>\$ 1,320.10</u>

1955 Excise

1 — 1 — 56		Cash	\$ 5,934.22
Outstanding	\$ 310.84	Abatement	3,041.77
Commitment		Outstanding	1,194.21
in 1956	9,209.68		
Journal	485.31		
Refunds	164.37		
	<u>\$ 10,170.20</u>		<u>\$ 10,170.20</u>

1956 Excise

Commitment	\$ 25,648.97	Cash	\$ 22,150.10
	982.08	Abatements	2,041.55
		Outstanding	2,439.40
	<u>\$ 26,631.05</u>		<u>\$ 26,631.05</u>

1956 Poll

Commitment	\$ 1,842.00	Cash	\$ 1,382.00
		Over 65 Exempt	332.00
		Servicemen	28.00
		Outstanding	100.00
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	\$ 1,842.00		\$ 1,842.00

1956 Personal

Commitment	\$ 11,514.86	Cash	\$ 9,500.12
		Abatement	850.04
		Outstanding	1,164.70
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	\$ 11,514.86		\$ 11,514.86

1956 Real Estate

Commitment	\$191,841.78	Cash	\$157,661.44
Refunds	7,158.15	Abatements	14,698.94
		Tax Title	856.16
		Outstanding	25,783.39
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	\$198,999.93		\$198,999.93

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED G. JOURNEY

Tax Collector

**REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION
FOR THE YEAR 1956**

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Playground Commission wishes to make the following report for the year of 1956.

The land for the tennis court was cleared, graded and filled with 800 yards of gravel hauled from Sargent's pit

on Bear Hill Road and rolled. It was hot-topped by Rock Asphalt Corp. of Haverhill. The drain had to be put in for about 100 ft. with 128 reinforced cement pipes. The courts are now ready for a fence around them and lines to be painted on them and the nets to be put up.

The dugouts were painted and drains were installed to carry off the surface water that runs in. We are now able to keep them dry.

A new 30 foot flagpole and flag were given to the playground and installed in the center field of the Little League Field. The pole and flag were given in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Albert B. and Susan B. Smith of Merrimac by their children, Mrs. Donna Petzold, Mr. William P. B. Smith, Mr. J. R. Smith, Mrs. Helen Williams, Mr. Merrill B. Smith, and Mr. Albert B. Smith, Jr.

Supervised Play was run under the Care of Mr. William Whiting, Jr. with a very good turnout. The Lions Club furnished the equipment and at the end of the season furnished buses to take the children to Salisbury Beach State Park for a days outing. The children took a lunch and the Lions furnished the tonic to go with it.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. SMITH

H. D. LAY

GEORGE STEVENS

GEORGE CURRIER

A. R. CLOYD

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1956:

BIRTHS

Number of Births recorded	77
Males	45
Females	32
Father, Native Born	76
Mother, Native Born	73
Father and Mother, both Native Born	73
Father and Mother, both Foreign Born	0
Mixed Parentage	4

MARRIAGES

Number of Marriages recorded	44
First marriage of Groom	37
First marriage of Bride	36
Grooms, Native Born	42
Brides, Native Born	43
Grooms, Foreign Born	2
Brides, Foreign Born	1
Average age of Groom	26 years, 11 months, 5 days
Average age of Bride	23 years, 10 months, 10 days

DEATHS

Number of Deaths recorded	7
Males	4
Females	3
Under 5 years	0
Males, Native Born	3
Females, Native Born	3
Of Native Parentage	2
Of Mixed Parentage	2
Average Age	68 years, 5 months, 1 day
Oldest Person	83 years, 3 months, 27 days

LICENSES

Number of Dogs Licensed	188
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Males	172
Females	12
Kennel Licenses	4
Sporting Licenses Issued	293
Minors Sporting Licenses Issued	22

Respectfully submitted,
C. HOWARD PHILLIPS
Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF
WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit
their fifty-second Annual Report for the fiscal year 1956.

Estimates for the Ensuing Year

Gross Expenses of Operating	\$ 24,000.00
Construction	4,000.00
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	\$ 28, 000.00

Estimated Income

Water Rates	\$ 16,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	3,000.00
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	\$ 19,000.00

Expended for Construction

Abbott Street	\$ 4,742.00
Emery Street	536.09
River Road	1,078.94
Woodland Street	2,250.00
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	\$ 8,607.03

Hydrants	1,185.00	
New Wells	3,500.00	
		\$ 4,685.00

Expended for Maintenance

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 8,910.64	
Power and Fuel	4,130.82	
Station Wages	3,529.62	
Salary of Superintendent	1,534.00	
Office Salary	1,140.30	
Office Expense	405.92	
Truck Expense	210.11	
Insurance	93.58	
		\$ 19,954.99
Total Expended for Construction & Maint.	\$ 33,247.02	

Monthly Pumping Report

	Gallons Pumped	Hours Pumped
January	9,970,000	259
February	8,650,000	222
March	9,290,000	235
April	9,150,000	234
May	10,160,000	262
June	14,230,000	313
July	13,880,000	334
August	16,480,000	393
September	10,090,000	250
October	9,810,000	245
November	9,200,000	231
December	9,530,000	245
	130,440,000	3223

Water Estimated Receipts

Town Appropriation	\$ 24,000.00	
		\$ 24,000.00
Water Rates Collected	\$ 16,876.81	
Miscellaneous Income	1,571.18	
Revenue Deficit	5,552.01	
		\$ 24,000.00

Balance Sheet

Accounts Receivable:

Rates	\$ 1,293.74	
Misc.	142.13	
		\$ 1,435.87

Revenue Reserved Until Collected \$ 1,435.87

\$ 1,435.87

ULYSSES N. CORSON

RAY L. WALLACE

J. ARTHUR OLLIS

Board of Water Commissioners

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL
LIGHT BOARD**

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their fifty-second Annual Report for the fiscal year 1956.

Estimate of Expenses

Gross Expense of Operating	\$ 80,000.00	
Depreciation (3 % on \$179,188.88)	5,375.67	
		\$ 85,375.67

Estimated Income

From Private Consumers	\$ 92,000.00
From Municipal Buildings	790.15
From Street Lights	6,973.26
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	\$ 99,763.41

Cost of Construction

Substation Equipment	\$ 35,570.11
Poles, Fixtures, and Overhead	
Conductors	79,461.81
Meters	15,429.64
Transformers	31,472.52
Street Light Equipment	6,699.04
Transportation Equipment	10,555.76
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	\$179,188.88

Expended for Operating Expenses

Electric Energy Purchased	\$ 46,931.40
Station Wages	1,046.70
Meter and Transformer Operation	1,049.46
Maint. Trans. & Dist. Lines	12,378.29
Operation & Maint. of Street Lights	761.21
Commercial Salaries & Expense	3,508.20
Salary of Manager	3,065.92
Office Salary	2,185.15
General Office Supplies & Expense	997.48
Insurance	569.98
Transportation Expense	1,050.90
Misc. Expense	154.26
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	\$ 73,698.95

Expended for Construction

Construction & Materials	\$ 11,444.22	
Meters	908.29	
Transformers	2,533.43	
		\$ 14,885.94
Debt	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Refunds on Consumer's Deposits ...	275.00	275.00
Depreciation Deposited in Savings Bank	5,018.87	5,018.87
Total Expenditures		\$ 95,878.76

Balance Sheet

Construction & Operating Fund	
January 1, 1956	\$ 8,174.09
Consumer's Deposit Fund	
January 1, 1956	413.08
Depreciation Fund	
January 1, 1956	17,095.31
Received from Light & Power Sales	92,361.05
Received from Misc. Sales	1,085.12
Received from Town Appropriations	7,611.73
Interest Income	473.40
Consumer's Deposits	415.00
	\$127,628.78
Construction, Materials and Renewals	\$ 14,885.94
Maintenance & Operating Expense	73,698.95
Debt	2,000.00
Consumer's Deposit Refunded	280.00
Depreciation Fund	22,587.58

Construction & Operation Fund

December 31, 1956	13,628.23
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Consumer's Deposit Fund

December 31, 1956	548.08
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\$127,628.78

ULYSSES N. CORSON

RAY T. WALLACE

J. ARTHUR OLLIS

The Municipal Light Board

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby report that, I have caught and confined and disposed of these dogs as set forth below.

MALE

January 17, 1956	\$6.50
March 27, 1956	6.50
April 15, 1956	6.50
April 29, 1956	6.50
May 13, 1956	6.50
June 22, 1956	6.50
June 28, 1956	6.50
July 20, 1956	6.50
October 19, 1956	6.50
November 21, 1956	6.50
December 12, 1956	6.50

FEMALE

January 8, 1956	\$6.50
February 18, 1956	6.50
May 8, 1956	6.50
June 14, 1956	6.50
July 12, 1956	6.50
July 22, 1956	6.50
August 6, 1956	6.50
August 15, 1956	6.50
September 25, 1956	6.50
October 10, 1956	6.50
November 11, 1956	6.50
December 19, 1956	6.50

I returned numerous dogs to their owners.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. MATHEWS

Dog Officer

REPORT of the SEALER of WEIGHTS and MEASURES

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The following is the report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year of 1956.

The new test tank at the fire house was wired and put to use this year with much success.

I want to thank the Selectmen for their help in obtaining the same.

Thanks to the Merchants and Oil Dealers for their help in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

MERRILL B. SMITH

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Cemetery Trustees wish to submit the following report for the year of 1956.

The board met and formed as follows: Henry D. Lay, Chairman, Merrill B. Smith, Clerk, A. Ray Clark, Third Member.

The ban on Sunday Burial was removed.

Mr. Haight saw fit to better himself by changing to the Water Dept. We were sorry to lose him but could not help it. Mr. Richard McCarron is now taking care of the work.

We have done work at the Lower Corner Cemetery and hope to improve the surface and grade the lots this year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. LAY

MERRILL B. SMITH

A. RAY CLARK

Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and to the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac.

The report of the Public Health Nurse for the year 1956 is as follows:

	Patients	Calls	Turned In	Miles
January	12	55	\$17	160
February	13	36	15	150
March	15	48	10	250
April	10	56	9	240
May	12	49	5	250
June	10	47	3	200
July	14	50	15	240
August	12	57	22	300
September	7	69	38	300
October	8	57	22	250
November	10	75	19	350
December	22	69	23	350

I have taken patients to doctor's offices in Haverhill, to the Hale Hospital, Amesbury Hospital, Lawrence General Hospital, Childrens Hospital in Boston, North Reading Sanatorium, and Middleton Sanatorium.

I have investigated and reported any questionable cases that have been brought to my attention.

I have helped our school nurse, Mrs. Annie Gleed and our two doctors with the polio program.

I have followed doctor's orders and the ethics of nursing in caring for patients to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

CECILE C. SARGENT, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Public Welfare organized with the following officers:

Chairman	Hazen M. Emery
Clerk	J. Arthur Ollis
Member	Jean S. Stuart

The same officers administered Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance.

Working on a State and Federal Budget basis which we are forced to do by law to receive full reimbursement from same we have carried on our work as directed.

We feel that in view of the present number of recipients now on our rolls that the following amounts should be appropriated for the year 1956.

Old Age Assistance	\$ 45,000.00
Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00
Disability Assistance	4,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN M. EMERY

J. ARTHUR OLLIS

JEAN S. STUART

Merrimac Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The following report of the Trustees of Kimball Park is submitted for the year 1956:

Received for Active Account for 1956	\$ 50.00
Balance in Account Jan. 1, 1956	4.00
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	\$ 54.00
Expended on grounds for 1956	18.00
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Balance January 1, 1957	36.00

Trust Fund

Balance Weed Fund January 1, 1956	\$ 2,079.51
Interest Weed Fund 1956	56.89
Balance Kimball Fund January 1, 1956	1,041.96
Interest Kimball Fund 1956	28.83
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	\$ 3,207.19
Withdrawn from Weed Fund 1956	\$ 50.00
Balance Weed Fund January 1, 1957	2,086.40
Balance Kimball Fund January 1, 1957	1,070.79
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	\$ 3,207.19

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. LAY

CECIL G. DRESSLER

BERNARD C. BICKUM

Trustees of Kimball Park

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Report of the Town Forest Committee for the year 1956:

Cleared out fire lanes.

Mowed all fire lanes in Town Forest.

Cleared 7 acres of pine.

Cleaned all brook drains.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. DOUST

HAROLD K. JORALMON

Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1956 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1956	\$110,011.17	
Receipts to January 1, 1957	566,489.16	
	<hr/>	\$676,500.33
Payments on warrants 1956	\$566,147.23	
Balance, January 1, 1957	110,353.10	
	<hr/>	\$676,500.33

Respectfully submitted,

ROY C. JOURNEYAY

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF FINANCE BOARD

Department	Appropriated 1956	Requested 1957
Moderator, Salary	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Town Clerk, Salary	450.00	450.00
Selectmens Salary, Chairman	325.00	325.00
Selectmens Salary, Clerk	200.00	200.00
Selectmens Salary, Member	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare Salary, Chairman	200.00	200.00
Public Welfare Salary, Clerk ...	200.00	200.00
Public Welfare Salary, Member	100.00	100.00
Assessors Salary, Chairman	410.00	410.00
Assessors Salary, Clerk	385.00	385.00
Assessors Salary, Member	335.00	335.00
Tax Collector, Salary	2,200.00	2,200.00
Tree Warden Dept.	1,400.00	1,400.00
Light Commissioner, Salary		
3 at \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00
Water Commissioner, Salary		
3 at \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00
Treasurer, Salary	750.00	750.00
Selectmens Expense	400.00	400.00
Town Accountant, Salary	3,380.00	3,380.00
Town Accountant, Expense	725.00	725.00
Treasurer, Expenses	500.00	500.00
Tax Collectors, Expense	600.00	700.00
Assessors, Expenses	800.00	800.00
Town Clerk, Expenses	300.00	300.00
Registrars Salary, Chairman	100.00	100.00
Registrars Salary 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00
Janitor, Salary	240.00	240.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs	200.00	200.00
Bonding Town Officers	500.00	500.00
Election Officers	500.00	150.00
Police Department	9,343.00	9,978.00

Fire Engineers' Salary, Chief	300.00	300.00
Fire Engineers' Salary, Clerk.....	200.00	200.00
Fire Engineers' Salary, Member	150.00	150.00
Fire Department	4,400.00	4,800.00
Sealer Salary	150.00	150.00
Sealer, Expense	35.00	35.00
Insp. Wiring, Salary	90.00	90.00
Insp. Wiring, Expense	5.00	5.00
Dog Officer Fees	150.00	150.00
Moth Department	869.00	869.00
Town Forest	400.00	400.00
Forest Fire Warden	200.00	200.00
Board of Health	1,500.00	1,500.00
Health Nurse	1,900.00	1,900.00
Insp. Animals, Salary	100.00	100.00
Insp. Animals, Expense	5.00	5.00
Insp. Slaughtering, Salary	20.00	20.00
Insp. Slaughtering, Expense	5.00	5.00
Insp. Milk, Salary	20.00	20.00
Insp. Milk, Expense	5.00	5.00
Snow & Washouts	7,500.00	15,000.00
Sidewalks, Railings, Bridges	600.00	600.00
Rocks Bridge	1,100.00	1,100.00
Street Lights	6,513.42	6,973.26
Public Welfare	5,000.00	5,000.00
Soldiers Benefits	3,500.00	3,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	8,000.00	5,000.00
Old Age	35,000.00	45,000.00
School Department	116,700.52	127,129.88
Library	1,500.00	2,000.00
Memorial Day	400.00	400.00
Vocational Aid	3,000.00	4,500.00
Lighting Town Buildings	1,098.31	790.15
Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Interest	10,000.00	10,000.00

Cemeteries	3,000.00	4,000.00
Vital Statistics	250.00	250.00
Water in Town Buildings	585.00	580.00
Printing Town Reports	638.40	638.40
Disability Assistance	4,000.00	4,000.00
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	\$251,544.65	\$280,405.69

Respectfully submitted,

RAY T. WALLACE

EDWARD C. GIBBONS

MILLARD B. HILLS

JAMES P. DONAHUE

FREDERICK N. SWEETSIR

Merrimac Finance Board

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library present their eightieth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The total number of volumes borrowed during the year was 8,809 of which 2,392 were non-fiction and 2,173 were juvenile.

The monthly deliveries were as follows:

January	671	May	780
February	692	June	717
March	858	July	654
April	828	August	553

September	854	November	808
October	874	December	520

The fines collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer amounted to \$132.06.

During the year 151 books were purchased, 37 of which were juvenile; gift books numbered 26, and we gratefully thank our many friends who donated these books to the Library. The State Library loaned 31 books, and from the Merrimac Valley Loan Library 102 books were borrowed. This Library will not function this year, as a Regional Library is to be established in Methuen by the State and Federal Government and from which this Library will be able to borrow. A total of 79 new subscribers were added to the register this year.

After serving this library faithfully for many years, Mrs. Elizabeth Boothroyd resigned as assistant librarian on July first, and was succeeded by Mrs. Mildred Child.

Your Trustees recommend the sum of \$2,000.00 to be appropriated for the ensuing year, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN F. HEATH
BARBARA N. ADAMS
ROBERT L. ECKERT
CHARLES M. TIBBETTS
BURNELL S. O'BRIEN
OLIVE S. WILDE

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspections and issued the following licenses for the year 1956:

Licenses for the sale of Oleomargarine—9	\$ 4.50
Store licenses for the sale of milk and cream—13	6.50
Vehicle licenses for sale of milk and cream—11	5.50
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	\$ 16.50

A total of 33 licenses at \$.50, collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Number of barns inspected	31
Number of cattle inspected	309
Number of swine inspected	11
Number of horses inspected	14
Number of goats inspected	30
Inspection of slaughtering hogs	1
Inspection of slaughtering calves	2
Inspection for State Division of Livestock	
Disease Control	1
Check of new arrivals of Dairy Cattle from	
outside of State	2
Animals Quarantined	0

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HUTCHINS

Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby present the Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 60, of the General Laws. I have also presented all financial transactions of the past year, and a balance sheet.

I would like to thank you and all other Town Officials for their help and cooperation during this past year, also the Bureau of Accounts and Division of Corporations and Taxation for their advice.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HAROLD WHITING

Town Accountant

Receipts — General

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll, Personal, Real Estate\$168,543.56

Previous Years:

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1955 19,585.40

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1954 7,588.76

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1953 2,001.30

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1952 85.12

Tax Title Redemptions 319.04

Estates Deceased Persons 218.00

Income Tax 1,408.79

Corporation & Business Tax 9,845.30

Total from Taxes \$209,595.27

Licenses and Permits:

Trailer Park Fees\$ 2,060.00

Liquor 1,000.00

Other licenses and permits 279.00

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines\$ 237.00

Grants and Gifts:

Town Clerk, Dogs\$ 446.60

Total from Licenses and Permits, Fines and
Forfeits and Grants and Gifts \$ 4,022.60

Privileges:

Excise 1956	\$ 22,149.70
Excise 1955	5,934.22
Excise 1954	487.60
Excise 1953	476.14
Excise 1952	322.08

Interest:

1956	\$ 67.36
1955	520.71
1954	486.04
1953	198.68
1952	21.33
Added to Tax Titles	6.88
Recordings and Releases	6.00
Est. Deceased Persons	12.75

Total from Privileges and Interest	\$ 30,689.49
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TOTAL FROM GENERAL REVENUE
RECEIPTS

\$244,307.36

Commercial Revenue

General Government:

Rent of Hall	\$ 75.00
Rent of Offices	1,268.00

\$ 1,343.00

Protection of Person and Property:

Sealers Fees	\$ 76.00
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\$ 76.00

Bicycle Plates:

Plates	\$ 6.50
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\$ 6.50

Health:

Nurse Fees	\$ 184.00	
Milk	18.50	
		\$ 202.50

Public Library:

Fines	\$ 117.48	
Trust Funds	977.45	
Withdrawal	389.06	
		\$ 1,483.99

Highways:

Town Hire Road Machinery	\$ 2,403.90	
Comm. Mass. Ch. 90 - 1955	2,000.00	
County Ch. 90 - 1955	4,000.00	
Comm. Mass. Ch. 81 - 1955	6,343.33	
Comm. Ch. 90 - 1955 Cty.	500.00	
Comm. Ch. 81 - 1956 -.....	2,889.41	
		\$ 18,136.64

Kimball Park:

Trust Funds	\$ 50.00	
		\$ 50.00

Cemeteries:

Care of Lots	\$ 451.00	
Opening Graves	450.00	
Cremation		
Trust Funds	1,370.00	
New Funds	1,000.00	
Sale Lots	350.00	
		\$ 3,621.00

Charities:

Aid to Dependent Children:

U. S. Grant	\$ 1,996.23	
U. S. Grant Admx.	203.00	
Comm. of Mass.	2,653.68	
Treas. Reimb. Postage	2.38	
Refunds	90.90	
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		\$ 4,946.19

Veterans Benefits Comm. Mass.	\$ 671.62	
Cities & Towns	13.99	
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		\$ 685.61

Temporary Aid:

Cities and Town	\$ 369.61	
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		\$ 369.61

Disability Assistance:

U. S. & State Grants Admx. ...	\$ 91.21	
U. S. Grant	753.80	
Treas. Reimb. Postage88	
Comm. of Mass.	217.89	
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		\$ 1,063.78

Old Age Assistance:

Individuals	\$ 190.20	
U. S. Grant	28,200.77	
Comm. of Mass.	26,900.49	
Cities and Towns	525.55	
U. S. Admx.	1,770.82	
Treas. Reimb. Postage	35.81	
Old Age Recoveries	9,287.80	
Amusements & Meal Tax	1,501.32	
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		\$ 68,412.76

Public Service Enterprises

Light:

Sale of Light	\$ 81,467.56
Sale of Power	10,893.49
Misc. Sales	1,085.12
Consumers Deposits	415.00
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	\$ 93,861.17

Water:

Meter Rates	\$ 16,876.81
Misc. Sales	1,571.18
Street Lighting	6,513.42
Lighting Town Buildings	1,098.31
Water Town Buildings	585.00
Int. Cons. Deposits	41.97
Interest Light Loan	2.70
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	\$ 26,689.39

School:

Lunch Program	\$ 14,962.99
Tuition	4,282.90
Athletics	386.40
Vocational	856.01
Superintendent	1,187.72
State Tuition & Trans.	6,609.36
Chapter 70	19,476.72
Dog Fund	720.90
Education & Transportation	14,800.00
State Construction	10,992.71
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	\$ 74,275.71

Total Commerical Revenue\$295,223.85

Miscellaneous Receipts

Advertising Hearings	\$	3.60	
Checks Returned Uncashed		154.16	
Returned to Fire Dept.		2.40	
Damage to School Property		3.00	
Division of Livestock Comm.		50.00	
Hurricane Damage		4,990.53	
Damage to Light Dept.		16.25	
Damage to School		20.95	
Sale of Plow		150.00	
Withholding Tax		20,852.86	
Interest on General Cash		412.50	
Fire Loss Tractor		301.70	
			\$ 26,957.95
Total from General Revenue, Commercial			
Revenue and Non-Revenue and			
Miscellaneous Receipts		\$566,489.16	
Cash Balance January 1, 1956		110,011.17	
			\$676,500.33

Expenditures

General Government:

Moderator, Salary	\$	12.00	
			\$ 12.00

Selectmen's Salaries:

Chairman	\$	325.00	
Clerk		200.00	
Member		150.00	
			\$ 675.00

Selectmen's Expense :

Printing & Postage	\$	128.33	
Other Expense		84.65	
		<hr/>	\$ 212.98

Accountant's Salary	\$	3,380.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,380.00

Accountant's Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$	214.60	
Other Expense		470.26	
		<hr/>	\$ 684.86

Treasurer's Salary	\$	750.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 750.00

Treasurer's Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$	406.03	
Other Expense		55.25	
		<hr/>	\$ 461.28

Tax Collector's Salary	\$	2,200.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,200.00

Tax Collector's Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$	442.85	
Other Expense		157.15	
		<hr/>	\$ 600.00

Assessors Salaries:

Chairman	\$	410.00	
Clerk		385.00	
Member		335.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,130.00

Assessors Expenses:

Printing & Postage	\$	355.39	
Other Expense		357.58	
		<hr/>	\$ 712.97

Town Clerk Salary	\$	450.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 450.00

Town Clerk Expenses:

Printing & Postage	\$	408.25	
Other Expense		23.38	
		<u> </u>	\$ 431.63

Registrars Salaries:

Chairman	\$	100.00	
Other 3 (each \$50.00)		150.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 250.00

Registrars Expenses:

Supplies, Listing & Typing	\$	654.75	
		<u> </u>	\$ 654.75

Election Officers:

Wages & Meals	\$	496.82	
		<u> </u>	\$ 496.82

Janitors Salary Town Hall	\$	240.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 240.00

Legal Suits & Expenses:

Legal Costs	\$	250.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 250.00

Town Hall Maintenance:

Openings	\$	104.00	
Telephone		212.20	
Fuel		886.58	
Light		39.50	
Janitor Supplies		47.81	
Water		8.25	
Other Expense		67.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,365.34

Town Hall Repairs:

Toilets	\$	88.75	
Repair to Roof		100.00	
Minor Repairs		5.50	
		<u> </u>	\$ 194.25

Bonding Town Officers:

Treasurer, Collector, Clerk,

Dep. Coll.	\$ 455.25	
	—————	\$ 455.25

Water in Town Buildings:

Meter Readings	\$ 585.00	
	—————	\$ 585.00

Lighting Town Buildings:

Meter Readings	\$ 1,098.31	
	—————	\$ 1,098.31

Repairs in, or on, or around Town Hall:

Pointing Building	\$ 60.00	
Repairing Roof and Chimney	925.00	
	—————	\$ 985.00

Purchase of Calculator for Assessors \$ 195.00

	—————	\$ 195.00
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Total for General Government	\$ 18,470.44
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Protection of Persons and Property

Police:

Chief	\$ 3,391.24	
Night Patrol	2,860.00	
Specials	2,355.60	
Miscellaneous	80.31	
Dues and Flags	19.00	
Motor Ex. & Trans.	726.99	
Telephone	272.19	
Posting Warrants	14.00	
Other Expense	5.00	
	—————	\$ 9,724.33

Fire Engineers Salaries:

Chief	\$	300.00	
Clerk		200.00	
Member		150.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 650.00

Fire Department:

Call Men, Stewards, Supt. of Alarms,			
Truck Mechanic	\$	2,601.63	
Telephone		387.46	
Fuel		357.36	
Fire Alarm System		43.25	
Equipment & Apparatus		479.38	
Repairs to Building		58.94	
Light		11.70	
Motor Expense		534.18	
Misc. Supplies		64.38	
		<u> </u>	\$ 4,538.28

Dog Officer Salary	\$	100.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 100.00

Inspector of Wiring:

Salary	\$	90.00	
Transportation		5.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 95.00

Sealer of Weights & Measures:

Salary	\$	150.00	
Trans. & Equipment		35.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 185.00

Dutch Elm Disease:

Superintendent	\$	334.50	
Labor		734.60	
Trucks		273.75	
Dozer		41.50	
Pruning Saw		13.75	
Gas & Oil		1.90	
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,400.00

Moth Department:

Superintendent	\$	184.50	
Labor		233.25	
Trucks		208.25	
Spraying		236.00	
Gas & Oil		5.62	
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	\$		867.62

Tree Warden:

Superintendent	\$	516.00	
Labor		857.65	
Trucks		398.75	
Gas & Oil		20.35	
Equipment		58.68	
All Other		48.50	
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	\$		1,899.93

Forest Fire Warden:

Brooms	\$	40.17	
Labor		159.80	
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	\$		199.97

Dog Officer Fees:	\$	149.50	
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	\$		149.50

Compressor & Fire Alarm System	\$	999.17	
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	\$		999.17

Purchase Fire Alarm Boxes:	\$	364.12	
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	\$		364.12

Purchase Fire Hose:	\$	500.00	
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	\$		500.00

New Hydrants:	\$	1,185.00	
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	\$		1,185.00

Tornado:

Wages	\$	450.64	
Gas & Oil		2.00	
Equip. Repairs & Supplies		20.85	
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	\$		473.49

Total for Protection of Persons and Property \$ 23,331.41

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health:

Board & Treatment	\$	634.50	
Medical Attention		18.00	
Animal Burials		16.00	
Care of Dump		441.80	
Other Expense		18.78	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,129.08

Vital Statistics:

Recording Births and Deaths	\$	157.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 157.00

Health Nurse:

Salary	\$	1,700.00	
Transportation		200.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,900.00

Inspector of Animals:

Salary	\$	100.00	
Transportation		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 105.00

Inspector of Slaughtering:

Salary	\$	20.00	
Transportation		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 25.00

Inspector of Milk:

Salary	\$	20.00	
Transportation		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 25.00

Total for Health and Sanitation	\$	3,341.08
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Highways

Highway, Thickly Settled:

Supt.	\$ 198.00	
Road Material	181.14	
Labor	638.39	
Telephone	43.00	
Supplies	65.55	
Truck	119.00	
Culverts & Catch Basins	41.29	
Plowing	358.00	
Loader	33.25	
Dozer	110.00	
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	\$ 1,787.62

Maintenance of Road Machinery:

Repairs , Truck	\$ 784.48	
Parts, Truck	114.28	
Gas & Oil	1,127.91	
Material & Supplies	46.46	
Cross Chain & Steel	392.64	
Parts of Plow	285.38	
Other Expense	14.75	
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	\$ 2,765.90

Highway & Chapter 81:

Supt.	\$ 1,560.00	
Tools	17.66	
Wages	5,665.00	
Trucks	1,211.39	
Oil & Patch	4,300.44	
Roller & Loader	896.84	
Town Truck	905.50	
Spreader, Dozer, Grader, Tractor	927.10	
Plowing	1,098.00	
All Other	369.06	
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	\$ 16,950.99

Chapter 90 Construction:

Supt.	\$ 366.00	
Labor	1,197.50	
Materials & Supplies	418.42	
Town Truck	272.00	
Posts & Culverts	2,011.18	
Dozer	311.00	
Truck	132.99	
Oil	7.79	
Backhoe	654.50	
Fuel	7.79	
	<u> </u>	\$ 5,379.17

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Supt.	\$ 133.50	
Wages	539.80	
Oil & Patch	541.63	
Town Truck	80.00	
Other Expense	205.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,499.93

Sidewalks, Railings & Bridges:

Wages	\$ 502.55	
Other Expense	96.90	
	<u> </u>	\$ 599.45

Snow & Washouts:

Supt.	\$ 1,126.50	
Labor	5,380.57	
Plows & Trucks	1,459.09	
Salt	1,464.30	
Town Truck	1,433.00	
Signs	21.00	
Dozer, Grader & Plow	1,254.56	
Other Expense	359.01	
	<u> </u>	\$ 12,498.03

Rocks Bridge:	\$ 717.07	
	<u> </u>	\$ 717.07

Street Lighting:\$ 6,513.42
\$ 6,513.42

Catch Basins, Hillside Avenue:

Supt.\$ 54.00
 Labor 183.75
 Equipment & Repairs 492.00
 Machinery & Material 755.85
\$ 1,485.60

Purchase of Truck:

Truck & Accessories\$ 5,043.34
\$ 5,043.34

Purchase Plow:\$ 1,230.71
\$ 1,230.71

Total for Highways\$ 56,471.23

Charities

Welfare Agent:

Salary\$ 2,658.36
\$ 2,658.36

Welfare Board Salary:

Chairman\$ 200.00
 Clerk 200.00
 Member 100.00
\$ 500.00

Welfare Department:

Clothing\$ 7.90
 Transportation 43.00
 Groceries & Provisions 749.98
 Fuel 60.42
 Board & Care 2,010.62

Medical	2,003.50	
State Institution	271.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,146.44
Disability Assistance:		
Cash	\$ 448.50	
Medical	38.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 486.90
Disability Assistance U. S.:		
Cash	\$ 1,071.95	
Medical	118.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,189.95
Disability Assistance Admx.:		
Postage, Supplies and Salary	\$ 27.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 27.80
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S.:		
Cash	\$ 808.80	
Medical	39.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 848.28
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S.:		
Cash	\$ 3,403.60	
Medical	259.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,663.40
Aid to Dependent Children Admx.:		
Postage, Supplies and Salary	\$ 70.44	
	<hr/>	\$ 70.44
Old Age Assistance:		
Cash	\$ 31,175.60	
Medical	7,750.41	
Other Cities & Towns	795.29	
	<hr/>	\$ 39,721.30
Old Age U. S.:		
Cash	\$ 25,250.36	
Medical	7,588.56	
Other Cities & Towns	236.22	
	<hr/>	\$ 33,075.14

Old Age Admx. U. S.:

Salary, Supplies	\$ 880.60	
	—————	\$ 880.60

Veterans Service Officer:

Salary	\$ 458.26	
Expense	170.20	
	—————	\$ 628.46

Soldiers Benefits:

Ordinary Allowances	\$ 1,865.93	
Fuel	4.50	
Medical	193.44	
Groc. & Prov.	9.49	
	—————	\$ 2,073.36

Total for Charities	\$ 90,970.43
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Schools and Library

School Department:

Paid in 1956 and itemized in School Report	\$116,325.76	
	—————	\$116,325.76

Vocational Aid:

Tuition and Transportation	\$ 3,444.30	
	—————	\$ 3,444.30

Regional School Expense:

Assessment for Regional School	\$ 3,993.50	
	—————	\$ 3,993.50

Library:

Librarian	\$ 641.33	
Assistants	120.00	
Janitor	210.00	
Books and Periodicals	464.77	
Repair to Roof and Other Expense	223.45	
Fuel & Light	313.21	
	—————	\$ 1,972.76

Total for Schools and Library	\$125,736.32
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Recreation and Unclassified

Expense Finance Committee:

Reports	\$	78.88	
		<hr/>	\$ 78.88

Revaluation:

Paid in 1956	\$	2,334.12	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,334.12

Town Forest:

Wages	\$	390.00	
Tools, Gas & Oil		10.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 400.00

Playground:

Wages	\$	773.39	
Clay		90.00	
Equipment, Tools & Supplies		348.89	
Repairs to Tools		26.00	
Backhoe & Grader		159.32	
Loam		55.00	
Gas & Oil		21.64	
Hose		23.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,497.24

Supervised Play:

Salaries	\$	675.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 675.00

Rental Legion Quarters:

1956 of Quarters	\$	300.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 300.00

Essex County Retirement Board:

Assessment	\$	5,015.44	
		<hr/>	\$ 5,015.44

Memorial Day:

Band	\$	230.00	
Other Expenses		119.90	
		<u> </u>	\$ 349.90

Insurance:

Cemetery Equipment	\$	62.50	
Comp.		2,206.73	
Tractor		113.78	
Forgery		46.88	
Boiler Tanks & Pumper		528.20	
Fire Accident		389.42	
Glass		65.20	
Trucks		331.25	
Holdups		712.97	
Liability		523.87	
		<u> </u>	\$ 4,980.80

Printing Town Reports	\$	638.40	
		<u> </u>	\$ 638.40

Kimball Park:

Work on grounds	\$	18.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 18.00

Civil Defense:

Salary	\$	653.00	
Postage		12.00	
Telephone		189.95	
Communications		75.90	
Labor		4.00	
Equipment for Medical Unit		48.00	
Trans.		3.29	
		<u> </u>	\$ 987.10

Xmas Parade and Expense:

Bands, Lights and Other Expense	\$	300.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 300.00

Tennis Courts:

Labor	\$ 63.75	
Truck	367.62	
Dozer, Grader, Roller	666.50	
Loader	64.00	
Materials	16.10	
Surveying	45.60	
Clearing	6.00	
Hot Top	1,270.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,499.57

Expense Planning Board:

Folders	\$ 283.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 283.40

Totals for Recreation and Unclassified\$ 20,357.85

Enterprises, Cemeteries and Interest

Wells for Water System:

New Wells	\$ 3,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,500.00

Water Extension Abbott Street:

Materials and Supplies	\$ 4,742.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,742.00

Water Extension Woodland Street:

Materials and Supplies	\$ 2,250.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,250.00

Water Extension River Road:

Materials and Supplies	\$ 632.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 632.00

Water Extension Emery Street:

Materials and Supplies	\$ 536.09	
	—————	\$ 536.09

Light Commissioners Salaries:

3 @ \$50.00 each	\$ 150.00	
	—————	\$ 150.00

Light Maintenance, Operation

and Debt:	\$ 95,603.76	
	—————	\$ 95,603.76

Water Maintenance, Operation

and Debt:	\$ 23,954.99	
	—————	\$ 23,954.99

Consumers Deposits:

	\$ 275.00	
	—————	\$ 275.00

Water Commissioners Salaries:

3 @ \$50.00 each	\$ 150.00	
	—————	\$ 150.00

Cemeteries:

Superintendent	\$ 2,090.00	
Labor	1,638.74	
Seed	53.90	
Loam	92.50	
Sharpening Tools & Equipment	210.72	
Other Expenses	474.54	
	—————	\$ 4,560.40

Care, Improvement and Embellishment of Cemeteries:

Superintendent	\$ 165.00	
Labor	209.25	
Gas & Oil	25.75	
	—————	\$ 400.00

Interest:

Light Loan	\$ 270.00
School Loan	6,562.50
Water Loan	325.00
	<hr/> \$ 7,157.50

Total for Enterprises, Cemeteries & Interest \$143,911.74

Other Payments

Real 1954	\$ 25.80
Personal 1955	10.80
Real 1955	15.00
Real 1956	7,158.15
Excise 1955	164.37
Excise 1956	982.08
Withholding Tax	20,581.32
Dog Fees	446.60
Trust Funds in Transit	1,893.75
State Parks & Reservations	594.51
Auditing	1,925.04
County Tax	6,469.43
Essex County T B Hospital	3,856.74
Purchase Regulators for Light Dept.	175.30
School Construction Loan	17,000.00
Old Age Recovery Funds	20.40
School Athletics	392.45
School Lunch	16,844.99
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00
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	\$ 83,556.73
Total Payments for Year 1956	\$566,147.23
Cash Balance December 31, 1956	\$110,355.10
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	\$676,500.33

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfer Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Moderator, Salary	12.00				12.00	12.00	
Town Clerk, Salary	450.00				450.00	450.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Chairman	325.00				325.00	325.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Clerk	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Other Memb.	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Public Welfare, Sal., Chairman	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Public Welfare, Salary, Clerk ..	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Public Welfare, Sal., Member ..	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Assessors, Salary Chairman	410.00				410.00	410.00	
Assessors, Salary, Clerk	385.00				385.00	385.00	
Assessors, Sal., Other Member ..	335.00				335.00	335.00	
Tax Collector, Salary	2,200.00				2,200.00	2,200.00	
Tree Warden, Dept.	1,400.00	500.00			1,900.00	1,899.93	.07
Light Commissioners, Salary, 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Water Commissioners, Salary, 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Treasurer, Salary	750.00				750.00	750.00	
Selectmen, Departmental Ex. ..	400.00				400.00	212.98	187.02
Town Accountant, Salary	3,380.00				3,380.00	3,380.00	
Town Accountant, Expenses	725.00				725.00	684.86	40.14

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Treasurer, Expenses	500.00				500.00	461.28	38.72
Tax Collector, Expenses	600.00				600.00	600.00	
Assessors, Expenses	800.00				800.00	712.97	87.03
Town Clerk, Expenses	300.00	150.00			450.00	431.63	18.37
Registrars of Voters, Salary, Chairman	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Other 3 members, each 50.00	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Janitor, Town Hall, Salary	240.00				240.00	240.00	
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,365.34	134.66
Town Hall, Repairs	200.00				200.00	194.25	5.75
Bonding Town Officers	500.00				500.00	455.25	44.75
Election Officers	500.00				500.00	496.82	3.18
Police Department	9,343.00	381.33			9,724.33	9,724.33	
Fire Engineers, Chief, Salary ..	300.00				300.00	300.00	
Fire Engineers, Clerk, Salary ..	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Fire Engineers, Member, Salary ..	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Fire Department	4,400.00	135.88		2.40	4,538.28	4,538.28	
Sealer of W. & M., Salary	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Sealer of W. & M. Expenses	35.00				35.00	35.00	
Inspector of Wiring, Salary	90.00				90.00	90.00	
Inspector of Wiring, Expenses ..	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Dog Officer, fees	150.00				150.00	149.50	.50

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfer Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Moth Department	869.00				869.00	867.62	1.38
Town Forest	400.00				400.00	400.00	
Forest Fire Warden	200.00				200.00	199.97	.03
Board of Health	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,129.08	370.92
Health Nurse, Salary & Exp.	1,900.00				1,900.00	1,900.00	
Inspector of Animals, Salary	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Animals, Exp.	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Sal.	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Exp.	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Milk, Salary	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Milk, Exp.	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Snow and Washouts	10,000.00	2,500.00			12,500.00	12,498.03	1.97
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	600.00				600.00	599.45	.55
Rocks Bridge	1,100.00				1,100.00	717.07	382.93
Street Lights	6,513.42				6,513.42	6,513.42	
Public Welfare	5,000.00	150.00			5,150.00	5,146.44	3.56
Soldiers Benefits	3,500.00				3,500.00	2,073.36	1,426.64
Aid to Dependent Children	8,000.00		4,000.00		4,000.00	848.28	3,151.72
Old Age Assistance	35,000.00	6,000.00			41,000.00	39,721.30	1,278.70
Disability Assistance	4,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	486.90	1,513.10
School Department	116,700.52			720.90	117,421.42	116,325.76	1,095.66
Public Library	1,500.00			472.76	1,972.76	1,972.76	
Memorial Day	400.00				400.00	349.90	50.10
Vocational Aid	3,000.00	519.00			3,519.00	3,444.30	74.70
Lighting Town Buildings	1,098.31				1,098.31	1,098.31	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Insurance	5,000.00				5,000.00	4,980.80	19.20
Reserve Fund	1,000.00		862.37		137.63		137.63
Interest	10,000.00				10,000.00	7,157.50	2,842.50
Cemeteries Balance 266.56	3,000.00			1,370.00	4,636.56	4,560.40	76.16
Vital Statistics	250.00				250.00	157.00	93.00
Water in Town Buildings	585.00				585.00	585.00	
Printing Town Reports	638.40				638.40	638.40	
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Art. 7 Playground	\$254,044.65						
Art. 9 Tax Title Possessions, Expenses	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,497.24	2.76
Art. 10 Hi'ways Thickly Settl'd	100.00				100.00		100.00
Art. 11 Registrars' Expenses	1,792.35				1,792.35	1,787.62	4.73
Art. 13 Legal Suits, Expenses .. Chapter 427 & 440	650.00	10.00			660.00	654.75	5.25
Art. 14 Chapter 90	400.00				400.00	250.00	150.00
Art. 15 Repairs, Town Hall Highways, Const.	2,000.00	6,000.00			8,000.00	5,379.17	2,620.83
Art. 17 Chap. 81 Highway	1,000.00				1,000.00	985.00	15.00
Art. 18 Vet. Serv. Off., Salary	7,877.40	9,075.00			16,952.40	16,950.99	1.41
Art. 19 Vet. Serv. Off., Exp. ..	500.00				500.00	458.26	41.74
Art. 20 Essex County Retire. ..	250.00				250.00	170.20	79.80
	5,015.44				5,015.44	5,015.44	

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Art. 21	Water Maint. & Oper.	24,000.00			24,000.00	23,954.99	45.01
Art. 22	Welfare Agent, Salary	1,920.00	1,200.00		3,120.00	2,658.36	461.64
Art. 23	Legion Quarters Rental	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Art. 24	Dutch Elm Disease	1,400.00			1,400.00	1,400.00	
Art. 25	School Const. Notes	17,000.00			17,000.00	17,000.00	
Art. 26	Dog Officer, Salary	100.00			100.00	100.00	
Art. 27	Civil Defence						
	Bal. \$183.85	1,800.00			1,983.85	987.10	996.75
Art. 28	Sal., Inst'rs, Playgr'nd	675.00			675.00	675.00	
Art. 29	Install Water, Abbott St.	4,742.00			4,742.00	4,742.00	
Art. 32	Xmas Lighting & Exp.	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Art. 34	Merrimac Portion						
	Pentucket Regional School						
	District Budget 1956	3,993.50			3,993.50	3,993.50	
Art. 36	Four Catch Basins on Hillside Ave.	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,485.60	14.40
Art. 37	Truck for High. Dept.	5,100.00			5,100.00	5,043.34	56.66
Art. 38	Chapter 90 Maint.	1,000.00	500.00		1,500.00	1,499.93	.07
Art. 40	Tennis Courts	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,499.57	.43
Art. 42	Water, Woodland St. ..	2,250.00			2,250.00	2,250.00	
Art. 43	Fire Alarm System	1,000.00			1,000.00	999.17	.83
Art. 44	2 Fire Alarm Boxes	500.00		135.88	364.12	364.12	
Art. 45	Hose for Fire Dept.	500.00			500.00	500.00	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Appropria- tions	Transfers In	Transfer Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Art. 48 4 New Hydrants	1,185.00				1,185.00	1,185.00	
Art. 49 10 New Wells	3,500.00				3,500.00	3,500.00	
Art. 51 Expense Planning Board	300.00				300.00	283.40	16.60
	<u>\$350,695.34</u>						
Purchase Calculator for Assessors	200.00				200.00	195.00	5.00
	<u>\$350,895.34</u>						

OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

Appropriations	Balances	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Real 1954				25.80	25.80	25.80	
Personal 1955				10.80	10.80	10.80	
Real 1955				15.00	15.00	15.00	
Real 1956				7,158.15	7,158.15	7,158.15	
Excise 1955				164.37	164.37	164.37	
Withholding Tax				20,581.32	20,581.32	20,581.32	
Dog Fees				446.60	446.60	446.60	
Consumers Deposits				275.00	275.00	275.00	
Trust Funds in Transit				1,893.75	1,893.75	1,893.75	
State Parks and Reservations ..				594.51	594.51	594.51	
Auditing				1,925.04	1,925.04	1,925.04	
County Taxes				6,469.43	6,469.43	6,469.43	
Essex County T. B. Hospital				3,856.74	3,856.74	3,856.74	
Purchase Regulators Light Dept,	561.63				561.63	175.30	386.33
Old Age Recovery Funds				20.40	20.40	20.40	
School Athletics				392.45	392.45	392.45	
School Lunch				16,844.99	16,844.99	16,844.99	
Tornado Expense		473.49			473.49	473.49	
Maintenance, Road Machinery ..		2,836.23			2,836.23	2,765.90	70.33
Disability Assistance U. S.				1,189.95	1,189.95	1,189.95	

OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED—(Continued)

Appropriations	Balances	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Disability Assistance Admx.				27.80	27.80	27.80	
A. D. C. U. S.				3,663.40	3,663.40	3,663.40	
A. D. C. Admx. U. S.				70.44	70.44	70.44	
Old Age U. S.				33,075.14	33,075.14	33,075.14	
Old Age Admx. U. S.				880.60	880.60	880.60	
Kimball Park	4.00			50.00	54.00	18.00	36.00
Water Ext., River Road		1,078.94			1,078.94	632.00	446.94
Water Ext., Emery Street					561.61	536.09	25.52
Light Dept., Maint. & Operation	8,174.09			101,057.90	109,231.99	95,603.76	13,628.23
Purchase Plow		1,300.00			1,300.00	1,230.71	69.29
Expense Finance Board		78.88			78.88	78.88	
Revaluation	3,270.90				3,270.90	2,334.12	936.78
Water Ext., Belmore Road	1,757.31		1,078.94		678.37		678.37
Care, Imp. & Emb., Cemeteries		400.00			400.00	400.00	
Excise 1956				982.08	982.08	982.08	
Stabilization Fund		5,000.00			5,000.00	5,000.00	
Total	\$350,895.34	\$14,779.95	\$38,288.75	\$8,077.19	\$204,237.72	\$566,147.23	\$33,977.34

RECAPITULATION

Appropriations	\$350,895.34	
Accounts Balances	14,779.95	
Refunds and Receipts	204,237.72	
		\$569,913.01
Transferred to Accounts:		
To Tree Warden	\$ 500.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Town Clerk Expense	150.00	From Reserve Fund
To Police Department	381.33	From Surplus Revenue
To Fire Department	135.88	From Purchase Fire Alarm Boxes
To Chapter 90 Maint.	500.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Snow	2,500.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Welfare Department	150.00	From Reserve Fund
To Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	From Disability Assistance
To Old Age Assistance	4,000.00	From A. D. C.
To Vocational Aid	519.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Registrars Expense	10.00	From Reserve Fund
To Chapter 90	6,000.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Chapter 81	9,075.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Welfare Agent Salary	1,200.00	From O. A. Admx. U. S.
To Tornado	473.49	From Reserve Fund
To Maint. Road Machinery	2,836.23	From Road Machinery
To Water Ext., River Road	1,078.94	From Other Water Ext.
To Purchase Plow	1,300.00	From Surplus Revenue

RECAPITULATION—(Continued)

To Expense Finance Board	78.88	From Reserve Fund
To Cemetery, Care & Imp.	400.00	From Sale of Lots
To Stablization Fund	5,000.00	From Surplus Revenue
	<u>\$ 38,288.75</u>	
	\$608,201.76	
Transferred from Accounts:		To River Road
From Water Ext. Belmore Road	\$ 1,078.94	To Fire Department
From Fire Alarm Boxes	135.88	To O. A. A.
From A. D. C.	4,000.00	To O. A. A.
From D. A.	2,000.00	To Accounts Above
From Reserve Fund	862.37	
	<u>\$ 8,077.19</u>	
	\$600,124.57	
Accounts Balances	\$ 33,977.34	
	<u>\$566,147.23</u>	
Payments for Year 1956		

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1956
M. E. Sargent Fund.....	\$100.00	\$200.96	\$ 5.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 203.46
Eliza M. Sawyer—Thomas Sawyer Lot	114.00	114.05	3.15		117.20
Emily S. Goodwin—Patten Sargent Lot.....	250.00	252.91	6.90	6.00	253.81
John and Sophia Merrill.....	200.00	200.75	5.50	3.00	203.25
Moses Goodrich.....	100.00	100.78	2.76	2.00	101.54
W. A. Paine—Henry Sargent Lot.....	50.00	50.40	1.39		51.79
J. E. Prescott	250.00	252.73	6.91	6.00	253.64
Rhoda S. Poore—Daniel Poore Lot.....	400.00	407.53	11.10	13.00	405.63
Rhoda S. Poore—Frederick Sargent Lot.....	200.00	202.01	5.53	4.00	203.54
Otis M. Little	200.00	201.34	5.51	4.00	202.85
Susan G. Sargent-westerly half of J. B. Sargent Lot	75.00	75.25	2.08		77.33
Mariette B. Sargent—William P. Colby Lot	250.00	261.54	7.03	15.00	253.57
Caroline S. Noyes—Somerby Noyes Lot	100.00	100.63	2.76	2.00	101.39
Adeline Whittier	100.00	100.59	2.77		103.36
J. Warren Sargent.....	100.00	100.10	2.77		102.87
Ruth Rowell—Jacob Rowell and Charles Dow Lot....	200.00	201.10	5.51	3.00	203.61
Sarah Pattee—Asa Ford and Sarah Pattee Lot	175.00	175.03	4.82	2.00	177.85
Sarah Pattee—William Gunnison Lot	125.00	125.78	3.44	2.00	127.22
I. B. Little	337.87	339.80	9.31	6.00	343.11
John Bancroft	50.00	50.07	1.38		51.45

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1956
Captain Aaron Bancroft	50.00	50.16	1.38		51.54
Thomas D. Nelson	150.00	150.20	4.12	2.00	152.32
Mabel Shepardson—Isaac Jones Lot	100.00	100.50	2.77		103.27
Henry E. Crosby	65.00	65.64	1.80		67.44
A. Linda Little	150.00	150.29	4.12	2.00	152.41
Etta H. Colby	100.00	100.66	2.76	2.00	101.42
Mrs. Gilman Hoyt	100.00	100.96	2.76	2.00	101.72
Phineas Chase	100.00	100.99	2.76	2.00	101.75
Charles A. Bridges	100.00	100.05	2.77		102.82
Louise Clement—John S. Clement Lot	100.00	100.74	2.76	2.00	101.50
Carrie C. Noyes	150.00	150.95	4.12	3.00	152.07
W. O. Smiley—William and Francis Smiley	100.00	100.82	2.76	2.00	101.58
Hattie and Carrie Baxter	100.00	100.71	2.76	2.00	101.47
Pamella C. Trefethen—Ephraim Trefethen Lot	100.00	100.71	2.76	2.00	101.47
Ida E. Stevens	125.00	125.16	3.45		128.61
Mary A. Chase, William and Mary A. Chase	100.00	100.69	2.76	2.00	101.45
Stuart Chase and Sargent	250.00	253.45	6.92	6.00	254.37
Charles A. Noyes—Charles A. Noyes Lot	75.00	75.33	2.08		77.41
Mason W. R. Downing—John Sargent and Ichabod Nichols Lot	125.00	125.01	3.45		128.46

William Gilday	200.00	202.02	5.53	4.00	203.55
Moses Stevens	100.00	100.96	2.76	2.00	101.72
Elizabeth M. Cooper—Joseph Cooper Lot.....	100.00	100.79	2.76	2.00	101.55
Anos Weed	100.00	100.61	2.77		103.38
E. Fannie Bradley—Daniel Bradley	100.00	100.91	2.76	2.00	101.67
Porter Sargent	150.00	150.77	4.12	2.00	152.89
Addie F. Sawyer	100.00	100.70	2.76	2.00	101.46
Melville S. Gibbs	100.00	100.36	2.77		103.13
Arthur C. Sargent	100.00	100.62	2.76	2.00	101.38
Heirs of A. R. Kimball	100.00	100.93	2.76	2.00	101.69
George E. Ricker—Capt. J. W. Sargent	100.00	100.40	2.77		103.17
Alfred G. Wells—R. K. Nichols, Patriquin & Wells	200.00	203.07	5.54	5.00	203.61
Stephen C. Parsons	200.00	201.76	5.51	4.00	203.27
Alfred H. Colby—A. M. Colby Lot	200.00	201.88	5.51	4.00	203.39
George S. Sargent	100.00	100.27	2.77		103.04
Frank Ward	200.00	202.01	5.53	4.00	203.54
R. W. Sargent and D. A. Moulton	200.00	201.56	5.51	4.00	203.07
Samuel C. Pease	150.00	150.13	4.12	2.00	152.25
Agnes F. Judkins, George W. & Olive O. Judkins Lot	150.00	150.55	4.12	2.00	152.67
Willard D. Sargent—Edward P. Sargent	200.00	202.22	5.53	5.00	202.75
Everett Carlton—Richard Stoyle Lot	100.00	100.95	2.76	2.00	101.71
A. E. Porter—S. L. Porter & Mary Emery	150.00	150.92	4.12	2.00	153.04
Donald MacDiarmid	150.00	150.78	4.12	2.00	152.90
William H. Young	100.00	100.97	2.76	2.00	101.73
Mary A. Hoyt—Thomas Hoyt Lot	200.00	202.10	5.53	4.00	203.63
Willard D. Sargent—Captain Moses Sargent	100.00	100.28	2.77		103.05
Willard D. Sargent—Nicholas Sargent	100.00	100.06	2.77		102.83

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1956
Lilla P. Larraway—H. W. Larraway Lot	100.00	100.73	2.76	2.00	101.49
Warren E. Wallace	100.00	100.33	2.77		103.10
Justin Clement	75.00	75.87	2.08		77.95
Emma P. Emerson—Alfred Chase Lot	100.00	100.80	2.76	2.00	101.56
John W. Foster	150.00	150.87	4.12	2.00	152.99
John H. Cleary	100.00	100.88	2.76	2.00	101.64
M. A. Gassett	100.00	100.79	2.76	2.00	101.55
J. W. Johnson	100.00	100.15	2.77		102.92
William Greely	300.00	301.89	8.27	6.00	304.16
Moses S. Brown—Charles E. Hoyt Lot	100.00	100.98	2.76	2.00	101.74
John B. Judkins	350.00	357.40	9.72	12.00	355.12
Henry C. Fox	100.00	100.30	2.77		103.07
George D. Larkin—Little, Larkin & Oliver Larkin Lot	300.00	301.63	8.27	5.00	304.90
Addie Haley	100.00	100.48	2.77		103.25
Jacob F. Crosby	100.00	100.84	2.76	2.00	101.60
Willis H. Scott	75.00	75.98	2.09		78.07
Herbert F. Chase ..	100.00	100.94	2.76	2.00	101.70
Joseph H. Leavitt—Daniel Leavitt Lot	100.00	100.90	2.76	2.00	101.66
William Betts	150.00	150.87	4.12	2.00	152.99
James D. Pike & Horace J. Batchelder	100.00	100.91	2.76	2.00	101.67

George H. Nichols	200.00	202.91	5.53	5.00	203.44
Gustavus D. Veal—G. D. Veal & George Grant Lot	100.00	100.54	2.77		103.31
Edward G. Sherman	150.00	150.65	4.12	2.00	152.77
Charles E. Rowell	150.00	150.18	4.12	2.00	152.30
Erastus Sargent	100.00	100.11	2.77		102.88
Mary E. Robinson	150.00	150.39	4.12	2.00	152.51
Charles A. Wallace and Helen Chamberlain	100.00	100.07	2.77		102.84
Frank C. Williams	100.00	100.44	2.77		103.21
Melville A. Cunningham	100.00	100.13	2.77		102.90
Daniel H. Means	100.00	100.02	2.77		102.79
Conrad Kippenberger	50.00	51.75	1.39	2.00	51.14
Judson S. Jewett	100.00	100.67	2.76	2.00	101.43
Herbert C. Oak	150.00	150.77	4.12	2.00	152.89
Walter L. Chaloner	200.00	203.02	5.54	5.00	203.56
Benjamin Rowell ..	50.00	51.42	1.39	2.00	50.81
Moses Sawyer	50.00	51.64	1.39	2.00	51.03
Charles S. Lockwood	100.00	100.75	2.76	2.00	101.51
Fred B. Porter	100.00	100.91	2.76	2.00	101.67
Rufus H. Bennett	100.00	100.64	2.76	2.00	101.40
Thomas H. Hoyt	150.00	150.80	4.12	2.00	152.92
N. L. and Ella S. Howe	100.00	100.58	2.77		103.35
Edmund Ricker	100.00	100.50	2.77		103.27
Tappan Sargent and Franklin Mason	100.00	100.35	2.77		103.12
Austin Sawyer	100.00	100.03	2.77		102.80
George H. Tilton	100.00	100.92	2.76	2.00	101.68
Moses C. Flanders	50.00	50.38	1.39		51.77
Edwin F. Goodwin and Thomas Goodwin	150.00	150.69	4.12	2.00	152.81

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1956
Fred M. Cate	100.00	100.01	2.77		102.78
Mary A. Noyes	100.00	100.67	2.76	2.00	101.43
Clara Kendall	200.00	202.24	5.53	5.00	202.77
Daniel W. Gould	100.00	100.34	2.77		103.11
David Tewksbury and Thomas Merrill	150.00	150.61	4.12	2.00	152.73
Stephen Nichols	100.00	100.32	2.77		103.09
Betsy A. Veal	100.00	100.24	2.77		103.01
Frank Hargraves	100.00	100.65	2.76	2.00	101.41
John Logan	100.00	100.29	2.77		103.06
Charles Colman	100.00	100.09	2.77		102.86
Julia Whaland	150.00	151.07	4.14	3.00	152.21
Norman S. Cole	200.00	201.81	5.51	4.00	203.32
Mary Ordway	100.00	100.05	2.77		102.82
John T. Lovett	200.00	202.89	5.53	5.00	203.42
William H. Franklin	200.00	301.40	8.27	5.00	304.67
Helen G. Linden	100.00	100.20	2.77		102.97
Clifton B. Heath	150.00	150.07	4.12	2.00	152.19
Mary Sargent—Orlando Sargent	100.00	100.90	2.76	2.00	101.66
John K. Sargent	100.00	100.76	2.76	2.00	101.52
Mary H. Sargent—Hayden Sargent	100.00	100.72	2.76	2.00	101.48

Roswell J. Eaton	100.00	100.25	2.77		103.02
John E. Currier—Joshua Currier	150.00	150.31	4.12	2.00	152.43
John E. Currier	125.00	125.58	3.44	2.00	127.02
Single Graves	160.00	160.40	4.40	2.00	162.80
Anne M. Sargent—John L. Sargent	125.00	125.84	3.44	2.00	127.28
Fred R. Weed	200.00	201.53	5.51	4.00	203.04
Mary J. Murphy—J. H. Murphy Lot	100.00	100.11	2.77		102.88
Edward H. Preble	125.00	125.81	3.44	2.00	127.25
Edwin S. Lane	100.00	100.89	2.76	2.00	101.65
Eldridge D. Young	100.00	100.53	2.77		103.30
Mary E. Heyt	150.00	150.05	4.12	2.00	152.17
Harriet E. Story—F. A. Sargent and Story Lot	100.00	100.05	2.77		102.82
Phillip E. Quimby	100.00	100.63	2.76	2.00	101.39
Rebecca P. Little—Arthur Sargent & Ed. Sargent Lot	200.00	202.35	5.53	5.00	202.88
Clarence T. Allison	100.00	100.29	2.77		103.06
Sarah B. Titcomb and Eva J. Titcomb	300.00	302.24	8.28	6.00	304.52
John Heald—Isaac Heald Lot	200.00	201.75	5.51	4.00	203.26
Jennie S. Prescott—George S. Prescott	100.00	100.37	2.77		103.14
Annie Tuttle—A. Small—Lawson Lot	100.00	100.55	2.77		103.32
Benjamin F. Sargent	300.00	302.01	8.28	6.00	304.29
Ralph H. Sargent	100.00	100.45	2.77		103.22
Fullington Ashley Lot	100.00	100.13	2.77		102.90
Laura Patten—T. Hayden Patten	200.00	201.66	5.51	4.00	203.17
George T. Crouse	100.00	100.16	2.77		102.93
Nellie M. Hall—Thomas Fraser Lot	100.00	100.83	2.76	2.00	101.59
Lottie Hopkins—Nichols—Hopkins Lot	100.00	100.03	2.77		102.80

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1956
Louise C. Brackett—William Russell Lot	100.00	100.07	2.77		102.84
Marion Armstrong—Armstrong & McInnis Lot	400.00	406.57	11.08	12.00	405.65
Theodore L. Hayes	200.00	202.31	5.53	5.00	202.84
Frank M. Haynes	100.00	100.49	2.77		103.26
F. L. Parker	150.00	150.46	4.12	2.00	152.58
Dr. F. E. Sweetsir	450.00	456.23	12.46	12.00	456.69
William N. Pettigrew	100.00	105.91	2.82	7.00	101.73
Fred S. Hardwick	150.00	150.47	4.12	2.00	152.59
J. Melvin Clement	100.00	100.87	2.76	2.00	101.63
Edwin S. McKay	100.00	100.75	2.76	2.00	101.51
Harry A. Stickney	150.00	150.62	4.12	2.00	152.74
B. F. Hardwick	150.00	150.40	4.12	2.00	152.52
Emma L. Sargent—Orlando Sargent Lot	150.00	150.72	4.12	2.00	152.84
Emma L. Sargent—O. F. Seavey Lot	150.00	150.90	4.12	2.00	153.02
Elsie G. Mathews—Elmer Grant Lot	200.00	202.45	5.53	5.00	202.98
Sarah A. Spillers—Frank Burnham Lot	200.00	201.78	5.51	4.00	203.29
Lettie F. Whitney—Herbert Whitney Lot	300.00	301.91	8.27	6.00	304.18
Fred W. Mathison	100.00	100.50	2.77		103.27
Minnie A. Chapman—Judson Webster Lot	125.00	125.80	3.44	2.00	127.24
Frederick W. Carter	200.00	203.02	5.54	5.00	203.56
Ethel A. Goodwin—Charles Goodwin Lot	200.00	202.47	5.53	5.00	203.00

Lucy J. Bagley—Mrs. Clarence Bagley Lot	100.00	100.22	2.77		102.99
Samuel W. Condon	400.00	406.62	11.03	12.00	405.70
Samuel L. Porter—Joseph Porter Lot	150.00	151.12	4.14	3.00	152.26
Benjamin B. Wood	200.00	202.49	5.53	5.00	203.02
May Belle Brown	100.00	100.61	2.77		103.38
Norman M. Hunter—A. Goodwin Lot	200.00	202.67	5.53	5.00	203.20
Ida C. Tobey	100.00	100.09	2.77		102.86
John E. Bean	75.00	75.28	2.08		77.36
Mary E. Tuxbury	150.00	150.20	4.12	2.00	152.32
Maud G. Carter	100.00	100.24	2.77		103.01
Georgia G. Patten—Hayden Patten Lot	100.00	100.81	2.76	2.00	101.57
Frank Glines—Glines—Bartlett	150.00	151.43	4.14	3.00	152.57
William Evans—Lucien Chapin Lot	50.00	50.52	1.39		51.91
William Dwyer	50.00	51.43	1.39	2.00	50.82
Delma Black, Adelina T. Jones Lot	100.00	100.10	2.77		102.87
Ruth Hargraves	100.00	100.31	2.77		103.08
Jennie Chase—Moses Stevens Lot	100.00	101.02	2.77	2.00	101.79
Richard E. Sargent—E. Fieldsend Lot	100.00	102.96	2.78	4.00	101.74
Richard E. Sargent	125.00	125.24	3.45		128.69
Eva J. Grant	100.00	100.99	2.76	2.00	101.75
Clara Foster—John Foster Lot	200.00	202.70	5.53	5.00	203.23
Jeannette E. Whittier—Wendell B. Whittier	150.00	150.60	4.12	2.00	152.72
Luther W. Bridges—E. C. Bridges, J. Whitman	150.00	151.01	4.14	3.00	152.15
William S. Tuckwell—Newton Tuckwell Lot	50.00	52.00	1.41	2.00	51.41
William S. Tuckwell—S. S. Tuckwell Lot	50.00	52.00	1.41	2.00	51.41
Abbie W. Sargent—Alexander Smart Lot	225.00	227.83	6.21	5.00	229.04
Francis P. Clement	200.00	202.22	5.53	5.00	202.75
Wilbur H. Colby—Joseph Colby Lot	200.00	202.97	5.53	5.00	203.50

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1956
Katherine F. MacMasters	150.00	150.83	4.12	2.00	152.95
Louise A. Thacher	200.00	203.52	5.54	6.00	203.06
Willie Colby—Warren Colby Lot	100.00	100.10	2.77		102.87
Willie Colby—William H. Colby Lot	100.00	100.05	2.77		102.82
Alice E. Purdy	150.00	150.67	4.12	2.00	152.79
John S. Poyen	500.00	506.65	13.84	13.00	507.49
Anna Bird	200.00	202.70	5.53	5.00	203.23
Pearl M. Stevens	150.00	150.42	4.12	2.00	152.54
Fred O. Bailey	200.00	202.88	5.53	5.00	203.41
Charles L. Waterhouse	150.00	150.67	4.12	2.00	152.79
Sarah K. Noyes	100.00	100.18	2.77		102.95
Clarence W. Crosby	150.00	151.16	4.14	3.00	152.30
Donald E. Stevens—Charles Stevens Lot	300.00	301.69	8.27	5.00	304.96
Edith E. Wood—James Wood Lot	150.00	150.85	4.12	2.00	152.97
Augustus N. Parry—John and Louise Elliott	100.00	100.23	2.77		103.00
Dustin Hall and B. Frost	400.00	404.29	11.06	9.00	406.35
Charles L. Waterhouse—Almon Waterhouse Lot ...	150.00	150.56	4.12	2.00	152.68
Charles L. Waterhouse—Moses Sargent Lot	150.00	153.14	4.16	5.00	152.30
Leon L. Dow	200.00	208.43	5.61	11.00	203.04
Harry W. Bailey—Richard Bailey	200.00	208.57	5.61	11.00	203.18

George S. Nelson—Brown—Nelson	100.00	103.57	2.80	4.00	102.37
Edith A. Wood—George T. Goldsmith	150.00	155.78	4.19	7.00	152.97
Pollie C. Grant—F. C. Grant Lot	150.00	155.50	4.19	7.00	152.69
Sarah Anderson—Moses Evans—Moses Hoyt Lot	100.00	103.25	2.80	4.00	102.05
Clara E. Patten—Patten Clement Lot	200.00	207.47	5.60	10.00	203.07
Byron Sargent	300.00	312.05	8.42	16.00	304.47
Alice Mercer	200.00	209.19	5.62	12.00	202.81
William Cleary	200.00	208.15	5.61	11.00	202.76
John A. Tidd	200.00	208.90	5.61	11.00	203.51
Nellie Newhall	200.00	208.87	5.61	11.00	203.48
Sadie Hopkins—J. Danforth	100.00	104.23	2.81	5.00	102.04
Charles A. Bacon	150.00	156.59	4.21	8.00	152.80
William D. Large	150.00	155.57	4.19	7.00	152.76
Maude Adams	200.00	208.29	5.61	11.00	202.90
Charles L. Waterhouse	100.00	103.68	2.80	5.00	101.48
The Olive S. Wilde Fund—Morse—Wilde	300.00	313.91	8.67		322.58
Mabel Bettors	150.00	155.51	4.19	7.00	152.70
Zenas Lovell ..	200.00	212.56	5.67	15.00	203.23
Parker Walton	200.00	214.36	5.69	17.00	203.05
Estate of William Tuckwell	200.00	211.95	5.65	14.00	203.60
Esther M. Gormley—Katherine Connor Lot	150.00	159.30	4.25	11.00	152.55
Henrietta Anderson—Samuel Goodwin Lot.....	150.00	159.30	4.25	11.00	152.55
Anderson Heaton	50.00	52.90	1.41	3.00	51.31
Mary E. Chaff	100.00	106.78	2.84	8.00	101.62
Cora L. Wadleigh—D. Porter Wadleigh	150.00	158.44	4.33	3.00	159.77
Grace L. MacDonald—John Colman Lot	150.00	158.44	4.23	10.00	152.67
George Hosford	200.00	214.09	5.69	17.00	202.78

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1956
A. W. Chase	100.00	106.49	2.84	7.00	102.33
A. Merrill Howe	200.00	213.06	5.68	15.00	203.74
Luella Cunningham	200.00	211.89	5.65	14.00	203.54
Imogene Pettigrew	150.00	159.85	4.25	12.00	152.10
Frances and Bernard Bailey	150.00	159.05	4.25	11.00	152.30
Sybil A. Schiavoni	100.00	105.78	2.82	7.00	101.60
Mary C. Smith	200.00	212.73	5.67	15.00	203.40
Alberta Perreault	150.00	159.94	4.25	12.00	152.19
George W. J. Murphy	200.00	213.25	5.68	16.00	202.93
Harriet E. Cupples	500.00	533.68	14.36	30.00	518.04
Eva L. Lavalley	200.00	212.58	5.86	1.00	217.44
Isaiah S. McClure	100.00	106.63	2.95	9.00	100.58
Minnie Morrison, George M. Eaton, John E. Trull	200.00	211.60	5.84	17.00	200.44
Estate of J. E. Kemp	150.00	158.86	4.38	13.00	150.24
F. Leslie Viccaro	150.00	163.28	4.51	15.00	152.79
George E. Franklin	150.00	158.53	4.37	12.00	150.90
Stella Shorts	150.00	159.00	4.40	13.00	150.40
Gertrude L. Williams	200.00	213.05	5.89	18.00	200.94
William Lamb	35.00	37.27	1.02	3.00	35.29
Ellen G. Heath	400.00	423.44	11.72	35.00	400.16
Ernest P. Dill	300.00	319.37	8.83	28.00	300.20
Emma L. Randall	300.00	319.44	8.83	28.00	300.27

Rudolph J. & Vivian Woyvoda	200.00	214.35	5.92	20.00	200.27
William H. Churchill	200.00	212.90	5.88	18.00	200.78
The Ada Seymore Trust	50.00	54.08	1.48	5.00	50.56
Helen F. Lucv	300.00	318.05	8.80	26.00	300.85
Carleton C. Witham	200.00	211.72	5.84	17.00	200.56
Charles E. Colman	200.00	211.72	5.84	17.00	200.56
Albert Ellis	150.00	159.71	4.40	6.00	158.11
William Rowell and William Sayre	300.00	319.20	8.83	28.00	300.03
Ralph and Minnie Sargent	300.00	318.12	8.80	26.00	300.92
Pearle Kinney—Harry Kinney	200.00	212.05	5.86	17.00	200.91
Ida E. Cushing	300.00	318.52	8.80	27.00	300.32
George W. Earl	300.00	317.91	8.79	26.00	300.70
George W. Evans	300.00	317.91	8.79		326.70
Samuel Colby	100.00	109.06	3.01		112.07
Burton Colby	100.00	109.06	3.01		112.07
Nettie Morse	200.00	212.90	5.88		218.78
James T. Colgan	200.00	210.72	5.82		216.54
Kenneth and Marion Haskell	200.00	211.90	5.84		217.74
Clarence V. Huntress	300.00	317.34	8.77		326.11
Florence Lee	100.00	106.40	2.93		109.33
Charles Vincent	250.00	263.90	7.29		271.19
Francis MacDonald	150.00	157.92	4.36		162.28
Follansbee Nichols lot	300.00	315.59	8.72		324.31
Charles Odiorne	100.00	108.69	3.00		111.69
Bertha Clarke	300.00	315.98	8.73		324.71
E. D. Ovington	200.00	210.03	5.81		215.84
Bertha M. Wiggin	300.00	313.77	8.67		322.44

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1956
Will G. Sprague	200.00	212.65	5.88		218.53
Merrill I. Goldsmith	150.00	159.11	4.40		163.51
Dale W. Blackden	300.00	318.26	8.80		327.06
Stephen Kelley	200.00	210.74	5.82		216.56
Flora Clement	100.00	105.36	2.90		108.26
Heman W. Kelley	200.00	210.74	5.82		216.56
Mabel A. Bailey	200.00	210.74	5.82		216.56
Sylvia Hidden	50.00	52.43	1.45		53.88
Edwin H. Armstrong	600.00	625.08	17.29		642.37
Doris Connor	50.00	52.08	1.44		53.52
S. S. Thompson	300.00	310.42	8.58		319.00
Charles Staples	150.00	154.15	4.27		158.42
George Clough	300.00	308.31	8.53		316.84
Ada Calhoun	200.00	205.53	5.68		211.21
Ernest Hewson	300.00	307.61	8.50		316.11
Walter H. Sargent	200.00	204.14	5.64		209.78
P. Clyde Smith	200.00	201.83	5.57		207.40
Sally Winn	150.00	151.03	4.18		155.21
Harold Martin	400.00	400.00	9.21		409.21

New Bequests and Additions 1956				
Mary Hughes	300.00	3.44	303.44	
Thomas Wright	100.00	1.15	101.15	
Mrs. Arthur Lockwood	200.00		200.00	
	\$600.00	\$52,814.96	\$1,448.62	\$1,376.00 \$ 53,493.58

RECAPITULATION

Balance January 1, 1956\$ 52,814.96
Income 1956 1,448.62
Bequests 1956 600.00
Total\$ 54,863.58
Withdrawals 1956 1,370.00
Balance, January 1, 1957\$ 53,493.58

TRUST FUNDS

Cash in Custody of Town Treasurer	\$103,164.50	Stabilization Fund	\$ 15,584.38
		War Bonds Income	663.18
		Library Funds	3,400.00
		Thomas Hoyt Library Funds	26,866.17
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	53,493.58
		Kimball Park Funds	3,157.19
	<u>\$103,164.50</u>		<u>\$103,164.50</u>

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	Interest	Added in 1956	Balance Dec. 31, 1956
Electric Light Depreciation				
Provident Institution, Amesbury	\$ 4,057.83	\$ 122.63	\$	\$ 4,180.46
Merrimac Savings Bank	13,037.48	350.77	5,018.87	18,407.12
	<u>\$ 17,095.31</u>	<u>\$ 473.40</u>	<u>\$ 5,018.87</u>	<u>\$22,587.58</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Added in 1956	Original Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1956
Nichols Memorial Fund	\$	500.00	\$	13.84	\$	500.00
James D. Whittier		457.07	500.00	13.84	13.84	500.00
D. J. Poore		500.00	500.00	13.84	13.84	500.00
A. E. Goodwin		200.00	200.00	5.53	5.53	200.00
Laura Patten		500.00	500.00	17.28	17.28	1,000.00
Willie Colby		200.00	200.00	5.53	5.53	200.00
Dr. Henry J. Cushing		500.00	500.00	13.84	13.84	500.00
Thomas H. Hoyt			13,972.42	389.06	389.06	14,366.17
Added to Hoyt Fund Merrimac				393.75		
Balances in Merrimac Savings Bank			\$ 16,872.42	\$ 866.51	\$ 472.76	\$ 17,766.17
Haverhill Savings Bank—T. H. Hoyt Fund			5,000.00	150.00	150.00	5,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank—T. H. Hoyt Fund			7,500.00	243.75	243.75	7,500.00
	\$ 500.00		\$ 29,372.42	\$ 1,260.26	\$ 866.51	\$ 30,266.17
RECAPITULATION						
Balances Dec. 31, 1955				\$ 29,372.42		
Interest 1956				1,260.26		
Added to Patten Fund 1956				500.00		
Withdrawals				\$ 31,132.68		
				\$ 866.51		
Balances Dec. 31, 1956				\$ 30,266.17		

KIMBALL PARK FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	Interest	With- drawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1956
Amos Weed	\$ 2,079.51	\$ 56.89	\$ 50.00	\$2,086.40
Judith Kimball	1,041.96	28.83		\$1,070.79
	\$ 3,121.47	\$ 85.72	\$ 50.00	\$3,157.19

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1956	\$ 645.32
Interest 1956	17.86
	\$ 663.18

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance December 31, 1955	\$10,254.60
Interest 1956	329.78
Added To Fund In 1956	5,000.00
	\$15,584.38

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1956

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash Balance	\$110,353.10	Personal Property Tax 1952	\$ 27.36
Cash Light Depreciation	22,587.58	Withholding Tax	1,860.83
Petty Cash Advance, Town Office	10.00	Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	160.00
Petty Cash Advance, Light & Water	125.00	Consumers Deposits	548.08
Petty Cash Advance, Tax Collector	25.00	County Taxes	114.21
Personal Property Taxes, 1954	985.78	Road Machinery	657.50
Real Estate Taxes, 1954	489.88	Overlay Surplus	833.09
Poll Taxes, 1955	10.00	Overlay 1953	552.67
Personal Property Taxes, 1955	2,105.28	Overlay 1955	403.00
Real Estate Taxes, 1955	6,665.01	Overlay 1956	5,134.71
Poll Taxes, 1956	100.00	Excise Revenue	4,122.49
Personal Property Taxes, 1956	1,164.70	Tax Title Revenue	9,792.21
Real Estate Taxes, 1956	25,783.39	Departmental Revenue	799.03
Excise, 1954	488.88	Light Revenue	3,679.28
Excise, 1955	1,194.21	Water Revenue	1,614.41
Excise, 1956	2,439.40	Special Tax Revenue	218.00
Tax Titles	7,383.03	State & County Aid to Highways Revenue ..	12,685.59
Tax Possessions	2,409.18	Purchase Regulators, Light Department ..	386.33
Welfare Accounts Receivable	95.43	Sale of Lots 1956	350.00
A. D. C. Accounts Receivable	347.70	Old Age Recovery Fund	9,767.40
Old Age Accounts Receivable	110.85	Surplus Revenue	96,038.90
Light Accounts Receivable, Light	3,491.13	Sale of Real Estate Fund	3,200.00
Light Accounts Receivable, Power	50.26	School Athletics	58.70

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33

May 22, 1956

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. George E. Lay, Chairman

Merrimac, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Merrimac for the fiscal year 1955, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistance Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE

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Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Merrimac for the fiscal year 1955, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's cash book and with the records of departmental payments to the treasurer, while the recorded disbursements were checked with the treasury warrants and with the record of payments by the treasurer.

The appropriations and transfers, as listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and from the records of the finance committee, were checked with the appropriation accounts in the accountant's ledger.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, the necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1955.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and compared with the records of payments to the treasurer by the several departments and with other sources from which the town received money, while the recorded payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants and with the accountant's books.

The cash book was footed, and the cash balance on February 11, 1956 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town funds are deposited, by examination of the savings bank books, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were personally examined and listed. The income was proved, and all transactions and balances were verified and checked with the books of the town accountant.

The tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were listed from the records of the treasurer, and all transactions pertaining thereto were verified, including a comparison with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

It is urged that action be taken to foreclose the rights of redemption on all tax titles held for over two years, in accordance with the provisions of Section 50, Chapter 60, General Laws.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and reconciled with the warrants issued for their collection.

The recorded receipts were checked with the payments to the treasurer and with the accountant's books, the abatements as recorded were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger controls.

The collector's cash books were footed, and the cash balance on February 11, 1956, including the petty cash advance, was verified by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

It is recommended that prompt action be taken to obtain settlement of the delinquent tax and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts.

The books and accounts of the municipal light and water departments were examined and checked. An analysis was made of the charges, collections, abatements, etc.; the recorded payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's and the accountant's books; the outstanding accounts were listed and proved; and the cash balance on February 11, 1956 was verified by actual count of the cash in the office.

Verification notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the outstanding tax and departmental accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of departmental cash collections by the selectmen, the town clerk, the sealer of weights and measures, as well as by the police, health, school, library, and cemetery departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the State and to the town treasurer were verified and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds of the financial officials bonded for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the various cash accounts, summaries of the tax, tax title, tax possession, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the several trust and investment accounts.

For the cooperation extended by all town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

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Assistant Director of Accounts

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1955

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash:		Payroll Deductions:	
General,	\$110,011.17	Federal Taxes,	\$ 1,589.29
Special:		Guarantee Deposits:	
Municipal Light Dep.	17,095.31	Municipal Light.	\$ 408.08
Advances for Petty:		Tailings:	
Town Office,\$	10.00	Unclaimed Checks, Etc.	\$ 104.52
Tax Collector,	25.00		
Electric Light and Water		Recoveries:	
Department, 125.00		Old Age Assistance,	\$ 500.00
	—\$ 160.00		
Accounts Receivable:		Federal Grants:	
Taxes:		Disability Assistance:	
Levy of 1940:		Administration,\$	309.43
Real Estate,\$	2.00	Assistance,	675.26
Levy of 1941:		Aid to Dependent Children:	
Real Estate, 1.84		Administration,	770.70
Levy of 1943:		Aid, 1,710.56	
Real Estate, 1.80			
Levy of 1944:			
Real Estate, 1.72			

STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Levy of 1945:		Old Age Assistance:	
Real Estate,	1.68	Administration,	2,935.00
Levy of 1946:		Assistance,	6,539.29
Real Estate,	1.88		\$ 12,940.24
Levy of 1947:		Revolving Funds:	
Real Estate,	2.40	School Lunch,	\$ 4,331.99
Levy of 1948:		School Athletics,	64.75
Real Estate,	2.40		\$ 4,396.74
Levy of 1949:		Appropriation Balances:	
Real Estate,	2.36	Revenue:	
Levy of 1950:		General,	\$ 3,761.31
Real Estate,	2.48	Municipal Light:	
Levy of 1951:		Maintenance & Operation,	8,174.09
Real Estate,	2.56	Depreciation,	17,095.31
Levy of 1952:		Water:	
Personal Property,	164.92	Construction & Extension,	2,706.26
Levy of 1953:		Non-Revenue (Loan Balances):	
Personal Property,	1,903.30	Municipal Light:	
Real Estate,	451.50	Equipment,	561.63
Levy of 1954:		Water:	
Personal Property,	2,838.77	Construction & Extension,	561.61
Real Estate,	7,114.19		\$ 32,860.21

Levy of 1955:		Overestimates 1955 Assessments:	
Poll,	82.00	State:	
Personal Property,	4,767.48	Recreation Areas,	\$ 53.32
Real Estate,	24,096.56	County Tuberculosis Hospital,	74.18
	—————\$ 41,441.84		127.50
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Sale of Real Estate Fund,	\$ 3,200.00
Levy of 1952,	\$ 322.08	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,	\$ 400.00
Levy of 1953,	661.93		
Levy of 1954,	1,169.02	Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:	
Levy of 1955,	314.51	Road Machinery,	\$ 1,037.23
	—————\$ 2,467.54	Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus,	\$ 833.09
Special Taxes:		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Estates of Deceased Persons	\$ 218.00	Levy of 1953,	\$ 906.17
Tax Titles and Possessions:		Levy of 1955,	714.36
Tax Titles,	\$ 6,200.58		—————\$ 1,620.53
Tax Possessions,	2,409.18		
	—————\$ 8,609.76	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Departmental:		Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
General Relief,	\$ 63.43	Excise,	\$ 2,467.54
Aid to Dependent Children, ..	1,125.25	Special Tax,	218.00
Old Age Assistance,	110.85	Tax Title and Possession,	8,609.76
Veterans' Services,	33.00	Departmental,	1,332.53
	—————\$ 1,332.53	Municipal Light,	3,712.29
Municipal Light:		Water,	2,760.43
Rates,	\$ 3,469.56	Aid to Highway,	12,843.33
Miscellaneous,	242.73		—————\$ 31,943.88
	—————\$ 3,712.29		

STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Water:				
Rates,	\$ 2,097.98	Reserve for Petty Cash Advances,	\$	160.00
Miscellaneous,	662.45	Surplus Revenue,		\$109,541.36
	—————\$ 2,760.43			
Aid to Highways:				
State,	\$ 10,843.33			
County,	2,000.00			
	—————\$ 12,843.33			
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:				
Underestimates 1955:				
County Tax,	\$ 147.84			
Overlay Deficit:				
Levy of 1954,	862.63			
	—————			
	\$201,662.67			\$201,662.67

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General,	\$ 31,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	
General,	\$240,000.00
Public Service Enterprise, 34,000.00	
	—————\$274,000.00
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	\$305,000.00
Serial Loans:	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General:	
School,	\$ 31,000.00
Outside Debt Limit :	
General:	
School,	\$240,000.00
Public Service Enterprise:	
Municipal Light,	12,000.00
Water,	22,000.00
	—————\$274,000.00
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	\$305,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer,\$ 96,208.77

In Custody of Treasurer:

Library Funds:

Willie Colby,	200.00
Dr. Harry J. Cushing,	500.00
A. E. Goodwin,	200.00
Thomas H. Hoyt,	26,472.42
Nichols Memorial,	500.00
Laura Patten,	500.00
D. J. Poore,	500.00
James D. Whittier,	500.00
	\$ 29,372.42

Park Funds:

Judith Kimball,	1,041.96
Amos Weed,	2,079.51
	\$ 3,121.47

Cemetery Perpetual Care

Funds,	\$ 52,814.96
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Investment Funds:

Post-War,	645.32
Stabilization,	10,254.60
	\$ 10,899.92

\$ 96,208.77

\$ 96,208.77

VOTE FOR OFFICERS, ANNUAL ELECTION**March 5, 1956**

Votes Cast (Men 489, Women 469), Total 958

Moderator, for one year:

Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	826
Blanks	132

Town Clerk, for one year:

C. Howard Phillips, 48 Church Street	659
Raymond P. David, 20 Pine Street	254
Blanks	45

Selectmen, for one year:

Ralph L. Buzzell, 63 School Street	698
George E. Lay, 11 Winter Street	705
George J. P. Stevens, 65 Church Street	679
Francis J. Mathews, Emery Street	202
Robert K. Silvia, 1 Vendome Street	1
Blanks	589

Board of Public Welfare, for one year:

Hazen M. Emery, 15 Judkins Court	793
J. Arthur Ollis, 37 East Main Street	736
Jean S. Stuart, Sawyer Street	673
Gertrude C. Kopanski, 46 Grove Street	1
Blanks	671

Assessor, for three years:

Edgar Palmer Sargent, Bear Hill Road	635
Arthur H. Deuplisea, 9 Union Street	265
Blanks	58

Assessor, for one year:

Frank M. Hargraves, 25 Church Street	803
Blanks	155

Treasurer, for one year:

Roy C. Journeay, 10 Prospect Street	794
Blanks	164

School Committee, for three years:

Carl G. Olson, 57 Main Street	763
Virginia H. Webster, 40 School Street	782
Gordon J. Roberts, 22 Summer Street	1
Blanks	370

Trustee of Cemeteries, for three years:

Merrill B. Smith, 46 East Main Street	793
Blanks	165

Library Trustees, for three years:

Barbara N. Adams, 100 Church Street	647
Charles M. Tibbetts, 9 South Pleasant Street	451
Hortense A. Chipman, 10 High Street	338
Donald E. Neville, Lake Attitash	127
Blanks	353

Trustee of Kimball Park, for three years:

Donald J. Selby, 28 Church Street	808
Blanks	150

Light Commissioner, for three years:

Ulysses N. Corson, 71 West Main Street	762
Blanks	196

Water Commissioner, for three years:

Ulysses N. Corson, 71 West Main Street	742
Blanks	216

Constables, for one year:

George R. Buzzell, Sr., 33 School Street	798
Ronald C. Sarasin, 65 Church Street	719
Albert W. Lord, Heath Road	685
Blanks	672

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and
Bark, for one year

*Richard E. Sargent, Bear Hill Road	1
*Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	1
Robert K. Silvia, 1 Vendome Street	2
Gordon J. Roberts, 22 Summer Street	1
Alexander Q. Blake, 18 Main Street	1
Glen I. Blackden, 9 Green Street	1
Ralph L. Buzzell, 13 School Street	1
Blanks	2,866

*Appointed March 12, 1956

Tree Warden, for one year:

Harold K. Joralmon, 110 East Main Street	564
Harold C. Lamb, 3 Abbott Street	342
Blanks	52

Playground Commission, for five years

Maurice Carey, 16 High Street	413
Arthur R. Cloyd, 107 East Main Street	469
Blanks	76

Planning Board, for five years:

Allan B. MacGregor, 36 High Street	752
Blanks	206

Question 1.

“Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled ‘An act providing for tenure of office for the incumbent of the office of chief of police of the town of Merrimac’, be accepted?”

Yes	655
No	169
Blanks	134

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Essex, ss.

To Alexander M. Sullivan, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in Sargent Hall on

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1957

at Five Forty-Five o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year, Town Clerk for one year, three Selectmen for one year, three Members of the Department of Public Welfare for one year, one Assessor for three years, Treasurer for one year, two Members of the School Committee for three years, Trustee of Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, Trustee of Kimball Park for three years, Trustee of Kimball Park for two years, one Commissioner of Playground for five years, one Commissioner of Municipal Light for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, three Constables for one year, three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark for one year, Tree Warden for one year, and one Member of the Planning Board for five years.

Article 2. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended; Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Members of the Board of Public Welfare, three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners and raise and appropriate sums of money, therefore.

Article 4. To determine what sums of money shall be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1957 and make appropriations for same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the maintenance of Road Machinery to keep Road Machinery in operation.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the Financial year beginning January 1, 1958 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Playground Commission to be used at their discretion on the playground during the current year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some

convenient and public place in the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used under the supervision of the Selectmen for any necessary repairs or other expense to Tax Possessions.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets or take action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650.00) for the Board of Registrars Expense under Chapter 427 and Chapter 440 of Acts and Resolves of the General Court for the year 1938, said appropriation being made for the year 1957.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) from the sale of Cemetery lots such sum or part thereof to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for "care, improvement, and embellishment" of said Cemetery, according to Section 15 and Section 25 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to meet such legal expenses as may occur due to suits or other action against the Town or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to make necessary repairs in or on or around the Town Hall or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from free cash in the Treasury toward the reduction of the 1957 Tax Rate.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and Highway Construction or Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to pay the salary of the Veterans Service Officer.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for expenses of the Veterans Service Officer.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money said sum to be paid the Essex County Retirement Board for various funds of the Essex County Retirement System.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department, and to pay any water loans that may be due in the year 1957, and to determine

whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation, water surplus or water revenue; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,250.00), and pay the balance of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from Old Age Assistance U. S. Grant to the Welfare Agent as Salary for the year 1957, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the rental of quarters for the use of the American Legion Post.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) said amount to be spent for control of Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) to pay notes due for Elementary School Construction in the year 1957.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for salary of Dog Officer for the year 1957.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the direction of Civil Defense Director and supervision of the Selectmen for Civil Defense or take any action relative thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money said amount to be spent for salaries to instructors for Supervised Play at the Merrimac Playground, under the jurisdiction of the Merrimac Playground Commission.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) said amount to be spent for Christmas Lighting, parade or other expense and to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Three Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$16,563.22) said amount to be paid as Merrimac's portion of the Pentucket Regional School District Budget for 1957.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Planning Board for any expenses that they may have.

Article 33. On petition of Irving A. Blake and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of Fourteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) said amount to be used to install a six inch water main from the junction of Church Street and Judkins Court, westerly, along Judkins Court a distance of approximately 400 feet to a point in front of the residence of Irving A. Blake, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a street Burnside Lane, from Emery Street, easterly a distance of approximately 500 feet.

Article 35. On petition of Roland H. Bisson and others to see if the Town will vote to accept Pine Bluff

Avenue as a town road from Fern Avenue Northeasterly a distance of approximately 250 feet to a point in front of property owned by Zagranis.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a certain sum of the excess and deficiency fund for the purchase of bonds. The proceeds of the sale of bonds to be appropriated for renovations or additions to Merrimac School buildings.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the water department to defray the cost of the purchasing of water meters, and to determine whether the money shall be raised by borrowing or taxation, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a six inch main and hydrant on Currier Street from West Main Street and thence along Union Street to meet the present system that feeds the elementary school system or take any action relative thereto.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a six inch main on Grove Street from Orchard Street to Forest Street or take any action relative thereto.

Article 40. On petition of Donald E. Neville and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the collection and disposal of rubbish and garbage in the Town of Merrimac and that the Selectmen be empowered to make a contract with some qualified party or to see that the town provide facilities for same.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) to be used with matching Federal Funds for the purchase of a Fire Rescue Truck, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the cost of a siren to be installed on Merrimac Plains, so called, and another siren to be installed somewhere at Merrimacport, so called, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a sand loader or take any action relative thereto.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the cost of fencing in the Town Dump and to pay for the maintenance of said dump or take any action relative thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) from the Electric Light Operating balance to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1957.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$1,840.00) to install a six inch water main from Nichols Street to the residence of Phinando Gile on Winter Street or take any action relative thereto.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to repair the roof on the Central Fire Station.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a Tailboard Sand Spreader to be used by the highway department or take any action relative thereto.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the sand shed or take any action relative thereto.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the common landing place in the rear of the property occupied by Georgia E. Barnard, or to lay out and/or construct a common landing on some other land owned by the town, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 262 of the Acts of 1956.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Merrimac this 21st day of January 1957.

GEORGE E. LAY

RALPH L. BUZZELL

GEORGE P. STEVENS

Selectmen of Merrimac

A true Copy: Attest:

ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN,

Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein expressed.

ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN,

Constable

Merrimac, Mass., January 21, 1957

In Memoriam

ARTHUR D. LOCKWOOD

1889 - 1956

Born, Merrimac, Mass., June 21, 1889.

Graduate, Merrimac High School, Class 1908.

Graduate Tufts College, Dentistry.

U. S. Veteran World War 1.

Past Commander Stanley L. Wood Post, American Legion,
Merrimac, Mass.

Merrimac Selectman, 1941, 1942 and 1943.

Merrimac Cemetery Trustee and Trustee of Kimball Park
several years.

ANDREW O. G. NICOL

1864 - 1956

Born, Nova Scotia, March 18, 1864.

Naturalized United States citizen.

Resident of Merrimac, Mass., 60 years.

Occupation, teamster.

Merrimac Selectman, 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

Member of Merrimac Board of Public Welfare, and Old
Age Assistance Board in Merrimac several years.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMAC

For The Year Ending December 31,

1956



SCHOOL REPORT

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 86th annual printed school report.

F. N. SWEETSIR, M. D., Chairman

VIRGINIA H. WEBSTER, Vice Chairman

IRVING A. BLAKE, Secretary

KENNETH FOWLE

CARL G. OLSON

School Committee

SCHOOL OFFICERS

John C. Jakobek, Superintendent of Schools

Address: Union Street, Merrimac Tel. FI 6-9721

Dorothy M. Peirce, Secretary

Address: 52 West Main Street

Kenneth E. Haskell, Supervisor of Attendance

Address: Bear Hill Road

A. Frances Davis, M. D., School Physician

Address: 16 Main Street

Annie L. Gleed, R. N., School Nurse

Address: West Main Street

Working Certificates: Edward Morrow

Merrimac High School

and

Office of Superintendent of Schools

Merrimac Elementary School

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF HIGH SCHOOL & GRADES 7 and 8

Position	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Yrs. in Merrimac
Principal, Guidance English	Edward S. Morrow Margaret E. Brown	9 15 resigned June 30/56	9 1 0
English	Christine Platsis	2	0
English Soc. Studies	Michael F. Sullivan	0	0
French, Latin	Mary E. Doherty	2	2
Mathematics	Joseph F. Sheehan	1 resigned June 30/56	1 0
Mathematics	William H. Whiting	0	0
Science	Joseph G. Medolo	1 resigned June 30/56	1 0
Science	Joseph D. LeBlanc	1	0
Commercial	Margaret M. O'Riordan	3 resigned June 30/56	3 0
Commercial	John S. Mitro	0	0
Principal, Guidance Phys. Ed., English	Cornelia E. Wolfe	16	11
English, Art	Regina G. McIntyre	2	2
Math., Reading	John E. Whitcraft	6	6
English	Annette C. Palmer	5 resigned June 30/56	1 0
Soc. Studies, Reading	Mary E. Murphy	0	0
Science, Guidance, Phys. Ed.	Harry E. Ryerson	1	1

MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal	Helen R. Donaghue	18.5	10.8
V. Prin., Remedial	Miriam M. Felch	10	10
Remed. Reading, Art			
Grade 6	Edward C. Duhamel	1	1
	A. B. Merrimack College 1955	resigned June 30/56	
Grade 6	Margaret W. Hume	18	8
Grade 5	Helen A. Boyd		1
	Newburyport Training, 1909		
	Bank Street College of Education, New York City	resigned June 30/56	
Grade 5	Eleanor Horn	0	0
Grade 5	James W. Johnston	0	0
Grade 4	Nancy W. Ayers	1	1
	B. A. Univ. of N. H. 1953		
Mixed Level Group	Dorothy K. Edgerly	10.5	3
Mixed Level Group	Joan T. Maloof	1	1
Adjustment Group	Florence L. Coe	8.4	1
Adjustment Group	Caroline M. Verrette	16	8
Readiness Group	Ethel B. Whiting	11	11
Readiness Group	Rosalie G. Carter	1	1
Readiness Group	Efstathia Bliziotis	1	1
Music Teacher	Doris M. Currier	34.5	25
Art Teacher	Joseph F. Aliquo, Jr.	1	1
	Tufts, Boston Museum School	resigned June 30/56	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

Your School Committee has carried out the stated and implied wishes of the citizens of this community during 1956. It has been possible for us to stem somewhat the great turnover in teachers within our schools by an increase in salary schedule. It has been possible to proceed with the improvement of our instructional program. It has also been possible to maintain adequate maintenance of our buildings.

The outstanding development in the education of our children during 1956 was, however, the approval of the Pentucket Regional Junior-Senior High School, which will provide superior educational facilities for our children in grades seven through twelve. Details of the Regional School can be seen in the Annual Report of the Pentucket Regional School Committee.

MAINTENANCE

From time to time repairs were made on the two buildings used for school purposes as these repairs were needed. We have endeavored to keep the buildings in the best possible repair in order that they may serve as proper quarters for the education of our children and to prevent additional future repairs through neglect.

During the summer months the custodians thoroughly cleaned all the school facilities and made repairs as these were needed. In addition, the flashings on the gymnasium of the elementary school were repaired and it is hoped that the passage of rain water during severe storms may be controlled. Because the asphalt roof on one-half the high school building was permitting water to enter the building, it was replaced with a new roof of asphalt shingles.

SALARY SCHEDULE

The salary schedule which was put into effect on September first is given below. The need for salary increments is well known and will not be repeated at this time.

MERRIMAC SALARY SCHEDULE

Step	No Degree	Bachelors Degree	Masters Degree
1	\$3,000	\$3,100	\$3,200
2	3,150	3,250	3,350
3	3,300	3,400	3,500
4	3,450	3,550	3,650
5	3,600	3,700	3,800
6	3,750	3,850	3,950
7	3,900	4,000	4,100
8		4,150	4,250
9		4,300	4,400

The annual step-rate increases of each teacher are dependent upon continued satisfactory service and upon the earning by her of at least 4 semester hours of approved

professional credit before crossing training bars. This credit must be earned before the teacher will be advanced across a training bar as shown between steps 2 and 3; steps 5 and 6; steps 8 and 9.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Several revisions in the curricular programs appeared in our schools. The Primary Unit plan of instruction in the traditional first three grades was extended upward through the sixth grade. The biggest improvement in this plan of instruction stems from the attempt to teach each child at his level of understanding. In any grade there are pupils of varying ability and achievement, and this method of instruction adapts the learning materials and levels to the child's ability.

In the junior high school the number of classes meeting daily was reduced from 7 to 4 with an additional enrichment period which includes art, physical education, guidance and reading improvement. This change was possible by integration of subject matter material and instruction on a broad area basis, which is conducive to sound learning. This change permits closer relations between pupils and teachers. It also resolves the constant moving from class to class and its disciplinary implications.

In the high school the program of instruction was slightly broadened, teacher class loads made lighter and guidance, including testing and counseling, was started. A full report of guidance in the high school will be found in the report by Mr. Morrow.

One of the most significant and promising changes in our schools was the increased tempo of professional in-service teacher training. Teacher turnover in recent

years and the changing times have necessitated re-evaluation of our entire instructional program. In light of the better understanding of pupils now available, the effect of curricular materials on motivation and the changing concepts of education, teachers under the guidance of their administrators have organized work sessions to take advantage of these beneficial changes.

Although each of our schools, - high, junior high and elementary, have availed themselves of all the professional materials aimed at instructional improvement, the program within elementary school has been most intensive. Details of the elementary program follow in the report of Mrs. Donaghue, elementary school principal.

The purpose of this endeavor is to direct teacher attention again to the fundamentals of education and orient the learnings of our children to these fundamentals. On the basis of this re-examination of the purposes of education, progressive improvement in the instructional program is expected.

MUSIC

The musical program of the Merrimac School System has again enjoyed success with classroom study and public appearances, as in former years. The new innovation in the music program is the introduction of the study of instrumental music under Carl Fischer plan. This plan was investigated during the summer with the idea that the schools might add band and orchestra work to its present music program. After a demonstration in October of various string and wind instruments, those pupils interested in renting instruments and receiving class lessons had an opportunity to sign up. We feel that the response has

been good. At the present time there are thirty-two children receiving instruction on the string or brass and woodwind instruments and we hope that this program will grow successfully.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

During 1956 the School Committee developed a set of Rules and Regulations to aid this committee and future committees in their conduct of school affairs. These regulations define the procedures of the committee, the duties of the committee, and the powers and duties of the school officers under their jurisdiction.

These Rules and Regulations are defined in a fourteen page booklet which will help in expediting the operation of your schools. Although not all contingencies can be foreseen or printed in a summary of this type, provisions have been made for the major areas of interest for school committees.

In reviewing 1956 this committee feels that progress has been made toward the solution of our school problems in several aspects. The concern and interest of the school staff members in providing the best instructional materials and procedures should result in the better preparation of our children for both citizenship and future growth. The guidance program and teacher in-service training are especially promising improvements.

The Regional High School opening will end the problem of platooning, inadequate housing and limited offerings in areas of learning. It will open areas of growth to each student which our schools were not equipped or staffed to accomplish.

The revision of our salary schedule should stabilize the teaching staffs within our schools. When we consider the fact that the teacher is the most important factor in successful learning, the gravity of teacher turnover, inadequate preparation and insecure teachers is realized.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK N. SWEETSIR, M. D., Chair'n

MRS. VIRGINIA WEBSTER

KENNETH FOWLE

IRVING A. BLAKE

CARL G. OLSON

**MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL CALENDAR 1956 - 1957**

1956

September 5 Wednesday

Junior & Senior High Schools open

September 5, 6, 7 Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Elementary Teachers' Workshop

September 10 Monday Elementary school opens

September 26 Wednesday

Schools closed - Teachers' Convention

October 12 Friday Schools closed - Columbus Day

November 12 Monday

Schools closed - Veterans' Day observance

November 21 Wednesday

Schools close at end of school day for Thanksgiving holidays

High School days — 183 days

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

11:30 A. M. 11—11—11 No school, Grades 7 & 8

SCHOOL CENSUS as of October 1, 1956

	Boys	Girls	Total
From 5 to 7	62	69	131
From 7 to 16	248	233	481
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	310	302	612

Comparative Totals for 6 Year Period

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
From 5 to 7	102	73	141	120	116	131
From 7 to 16	403	415	419	447	504	481
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	505	488	560	567	620	612

1957 SCHOOL BUDGET
MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

1956	1956		1957
Appro.	Expended		

GENERAL CONTROL

\$ 50.00	\$ 67.15	School Committee Expenses	\$ 50.00
2,555.55	2,555.55	Supt. Schools Salary	2,722.22
733.32	722.32	Sec's Salary & Office Expense	1,000.00
400.00	429.93	Travel & Office Costs	300.00
Transportation & Expense (including out-of-state travel)			
350.00	302.09	Law Enforcement	350.00

COST OF INSTRUCTION

\$ 81,197.32	\$ 83,357.38	Full-time teachers & subs	\$ 94,207.66
3,414.33	1,833.28	Part-time teachers	
2,500.00	1,518.33	Textbooks	2,500.00
3,000.00	3,225.01	Supplies	3,000.00

COST OF OPERATION

\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,300.45	Janitors' Salaries	\$ 5,500.00
2,600.00	2,572.99	Fuel	2,600.00
700.00	807.73	Janitorial Supplies	700.00
1,000.00	1,425.87	Maintenance	1,000.00
500.00	729.06	Athletics	500.00
400.00	150.61	Libraries	400.00
1,400.00	1,239.15	Health	1,400.00
9,500.00	9,493.73	Transportation	10,000.00
500.00	143.15	New Equipment	500.00
400.00	451.98	Telephone & all other	400.00
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\$116,700.52	\$116,325.76		\$127,129.88
\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,444.30	Vocational trans. & tuition	\$ 4,500.00

**REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL**

With the knowledge that the people of Merrimac are interested in its Elementary School and its philosophy, and with the assumption that you are familiar with our policy of intensive study of children as to their individual progress, I wish to report on several topics that are important in furthering our ability to help each child's progress at his own rate and with the satisfaction that is rightly his.

TESTING PROGRAM

Of great necessity is a testing program which helps the school in the study of each child. Such a program keeps us from demanding too much or too little from the children while at the same time it strengthens the total educational effort in many other ways, such as evaluating our instructional program. The greatest value to such a program is that it enables the teacher to teach a child at his level of comprehension, and to determine what quality of work we as a school should expect from the pupil. Comparison of results from various types of tests provide us with concrete

evidence as to whether the pupil is making satisfactory progress and working up to his ability.

The first step in any adequate testing program is to determine by means of a readiness test a child's readiness for school work. Reading Readiness Tests are given to all beginners. Results from these tests help in the formation of first-year classes and in grouping the children according to their abilities and readiness for instruction in reading, since reading is the basic learning tool. The fact that children of the same age may not develop at the same rate mentally and emotionally can not be overemphasized. A child's dislike for school or the poor quality of his school work may often be traced to the fact that he entered school too soon, which often does a great deal more harm than good.

Group Intelligence Tests, or Mental Ability Tests, were given in grades 1 and 4, and this policy will be continued. These tests are designed to give us an estimate of a child's mental ability. The results may also indicate the type and amount of work a child is able to do.

Achievement Tests, which are tests of knowledge, are given annually and serve several purposes. Results from these tests may reveal the need for additional instruction in some basic subject area. A study of an individual pupil's score aids the teacher in determining the pupil's strengths and weaknesses, thus aiding in providing the type of instruction to increase his scholastic progress and mental development. A pupil's score also indicates his level of achievement in comparison with other children of similar age and grade level throughout the country.

A testing program provides administrators, teachers and parents with a measure of the effectiveness of the instructional program; provides the machinery for measuring the educational progress and mental growth of the pupils; and provides a yardstick for comparing a child's achievements with his aptitudes and abilities.

REPORTING PRACTICES

Another area of great importance to the school, the home and the pupil is that of an adequate and understandable policy of marking the child and reporting it periodically to the parents. Thus, during the past year, the teachers of the Elementary School made a study of the methods of reporting a child's progress and the development of a new report card. This study was discussed with several parents to obtain their reaction to the new report card and to the greatest change in reporting, which was the establishment of parent-teacher conferences as part of the first report. These conferences were scheduled by appointments and were held after school hours. Some teachers visited with the parents in their homes. These conferences were time-consuming but most rewarding for both parents and teachers, who became better acquainted with the child in both home and school situations. This meant a closer relationship between the two and resulted in a better understanding from which the child would benefit. We are proud to report that 87% of the parents attended these conferences.

We believe a child should be marked on his progress according to his or her own rate of ability, and also that the parents should receive a report on the child's habits and attitudes, thus enabling the school and home to work closely in developing his good characteristics. On our card this is reported under the topics of "Social Traits" and "Work and Study Habits".

Reading is given the greatest amount of attention. A pupil is marked on comprehension, use of skills to attack new words, and his ability to read independently. He is also marked on the level at which he is reading, which aids the parent in watching his continuous progress. This is a requirement in any well-planned reading course of study.

The Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Music, and Art are also marked.

Height and weight are recorded by the school nurse at the beginning and ending of the year to show a child's physical growth. The attendance record is also shown. Regular attendance is of utmost importance, because unnecessary absence and tardiness interfere with the progress of a child's work.

When the card is sent home for the second and third marking periods, there is a space for the teacher to write a comment to the parents, as well as a space for the parent to reply.

The last topic on the card is the placement of the child for the next school year. This is marked after a complete study of the child has been made as to his progress in all areas during the school year.

Perhaps a quote from the front page of the report card would best tell the basic philosophy of our school. "We recognize two basic principles, (1)- that no two children are exactly alike, and (2)- that capabilities of a child should be considered in any evaluation of pupil progress." Also, "Education of children is a mutual responsibility and can succeed only through the active and intelligent cooperation of the home and the school".

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

A description of our teacher in-service training efforts during 1956 should be of interest. The reasons for the holding of such learning experiences is that new teachers must be oriented to teaching techniques and educational philosophy. Teachers with experience profit from re-orientation to newer techniques and reviewing the educational needs of children. By study and re-orientation it is expected that the philosophy of education held by all the teachers in the school becomes uniform and understood.

We not only hope to take advantage of all the current information that is useful but also to prevent difficulties by foreseeing their probability.

The in-service program began with a fifteen week, two hour session one day a week during the winter and spring season.

The course was opened by Mr. Jakobek, who chose as his topic, "Philosophies of Education and Educational Objectives". This opened the door for the study of the subjects to follow.

Topics which proved of value to the growth of the school were: "Broader Concepts of Methods" and "Learning and Instruction". - These dealt with the comparison and evaluation of past and present methods and their effects upon the pupil and his progress.

"The Arithmetic Program" - A review of the objectives and methods of each grade level.

"Testing and Evaluation". - The discussion and study of various types of tests and their uses which led directly to further study by a smaller group and to the reorganization of our testing program.

"Classroom Climate and Discipline". - A comparison of three types of classroom atmospheres, the effect of these upon the morale of each class, and the role of the teacher in creating a good classroom atmosphere.

"Reading and Phonics". - A reading consultant spent the entire day in our school visiting rooms, demonstrating teaching techniques and having small group conferences with teachers. At the class session she discussed the value and techniques of using phonics in the reading and spelling programs.

"The Elementary School Science Program". - On April 9th the teachers attended the Elementary Science Education Conference at the Museum of Science which was sponsored

by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Group sessions were held for primary and intermediate teachers to study the building of a science program and the science activities at those levels.

A teacher's workshop was held during the week prior to the opening of school in September as part of the in-service training for teachers. The topic of study was "Reading". We were indeed fortunate to have Mrs. Dorothy Whiskeman, Educational Consultant from the Row, Peterson Company who publishes our basic reading series, as our leader during three sessions that week.

Another session during the workshop was lead by Dr. Mary O'Rourke, Senior Supervisor of Elementary Education from the Massachusetts Department of Education. Her topic was "Our State Curriculum Guide". The guide consists of an outline of all elementary school subjects according to grade levels, and the various ways of correlation among subjects. From time to time supplements of the latest educational research are made available to the towns and cities of the Commonwealth. Dr. O'Rourke also brought copies of many of the latest professional books for the teachers to examine.

Two other professional improvement techniques were started during the year of 1956. One valuable aid for teachers is a good professional library. We now have a library of over seventy volumes covering many subjects. The range and variety of subjects is shown by the titles of books such as "Youth, The Years From Ten to Sixteen" by Gezell, Ilg and Ames; "In Search of Self" by Jersild of Columbia University; "Elementary School Objectives" by Kearney of the Russell Sage Foundation; "How To Teach Arithmetic" by Harry Grove Wheat; and "A Child Development Point of View" by James L. Hymes.

We also subscribe to magazines to keep abreast with the latest educational news and aids. Each teacher re-

ceives "The Massachusetts Teacher", "The National Education Association Journal", "The Science Teacher", "The Grade Teacher", "The Educational Digest" and the national and Massachusetts Parent-Teacher magazine are among those received.

Closely related to the in-service training course of our school is the monthly teachers' meeting. These meetings are not for administrative detail but specifically for discussion of professional topics pertinent to the problems and continuous growth of our personnel and school.

To keep in close touch with the latest developments in education and for the fellowship of joining with others in the teaching profession, the administration and faculty have attended conferences during the school year. Conferences at which we have had a representation of one or more teachers are: The Essex County Teachers Association Convention, The New England Reading Conference, Conference on the Mentally Retarded Child, The Massachusetts Teachers Association and the National Education Conferences.

Professional study has been pursued by many members of the teaching staff during the past year. Courses taken were: Advanced Educational Psychology, Mental Hygiene for Teachers, Measurement of Intelligence, Methods For Teaching the Mentally Retarded, Teaching the Slow Learner in the Regular Classroom, and Methods of Teaching Physical Education in the Elementary School.

Our desire is to teach the "whole" child. We want the people of Merrimac to know that through continuous endeavor by the faculty and the administration in study of methods and techniques, we are striving to fulfill the requirements of our basic philosophy.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN R. DONAGHUE

Elementary School Principal

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

I herewith submit my second annual report as Principal of the Merrimac Junior High School.

Every phase of modern living has undergone a tremendous transformation in the few years just past. Industrial methods, agricultural techniques, recreation, transportation, medicine and home life are but a few of the many areas of our life that are feeling this change. Since all of these things change people and what people need and want, they are demanding changes in the field of public education.

The old method of presenting one set of experiences for every student in the class has proven entirely inadequate and now in our Junior High School we are emphasizing the fact that students are individuals with individual needs, desires, and interests and we are trying to present to each student the educational experiences that will be most helpful for that child. The material is presented on many levels so that each student is working at just the point where he needs help. We have introduced a guidance program in our school to make this effort even more effectual.

Another practice which is out of step with modern living is the artificial separation of subjects into small units. We hear educators talking about "broad-fields" and about the fusion of subjects and the correlation of materials. In the Junior High School this year we have gathered spelling, grammar, literature, and composition into "language arts". Geography and history have been rounded into a more comprehensive area known as "social studies". This has made it possible for us to lengthen our periods from 33 to 50 minutes since we have only five

periods in place of the seven used previously. This has proved better in every way. We designate one of these periods as our activity period which has made possible the guidance program already mentioned and the extension of a reading program into the Junior High School. Here also we placed art and physical education. These two subjects have a much more rounded program under the supervision of our own staff members. Music makes up the fifth weekly activity period under the able and inspiring leadership of our music supervisor, Mrs. Doris Currier. Our students are more and more learning by doing instead of by hearing. This is illustrated by everything from the school paper put out by the language classes, field trips taken in connection with course work, the Christmas concert given for the Womans' Society in December, to such things as our annual class trips and school dances.

The most definite need in our school and in public education in general is closer contact with the home. Here we have really struggled with the problem and have realized an inspiring level of success. The principal has personally undertaken a program of home visitations which has been of great value to the entire staff. We also introduced a series of grade-level parent conferences which has been very well received and well attended. We plan to hold four of these conferences for each grade. These conferences are led by the teachers and planned by parents and staff cooperatively. One outgrowth of these conferences has been a committee to study and revise our system of grading and reporting to parents.

The high point of our year, academically, was our graduation. Sixty-one graduates, the largest Junior High School class yet to graduate in Merrimac, were inspired by the message of Dr. John Copp, professor at Boston University School of Theology. Most of these students are now attending High School. Five of the boys, after a thorough

testing program, were accepted and began work at Haverhill Trade School this fall.

The success or failure of all we are trying to do is directly dependent upon the effectiveness of our staff. Striving to increase this effectiveness, we have held teacher's conferences within our own school to study our particular problems, we have taken outside courses, and I have attended three important conferences to bring back help to my staff and through them, to their students. These were the Massachusetts Secondary School Principal's Conference in Framingham, The Junior High School Principal's Conference in Marblehead, and the New England Reading Association Conference in Lynn.

Two new members have joined our family, Mr. John Whitcraft of Newton, N. H., who began teaching on Feb. 1, 1956 in the mathematics department, and Miss Mary E. Murphy of Somerset, Mass. who began teaching this fall in the social studies field. The harmonious cooperation and the keen interest of my staff have been largely responsible for the educational advancement and improvements realized in my school this year.

All of us on the staff of the Junior High School sincerely appreciate the help we have had in our work. Every ship must have a Captain. Our Superintendent, Mr. Jakobek, has helped us chart and keep our course through very important decisions and problems. Our School Committee has given us strength through constant cooperation and backing. The Parent-Teacher Association gave very concrete help by making it possible for me to attend as their delegate their annual fall conference in Pittsfield, and our parents have rallied around us with unusual enthusiasm to provide encouragement, inspiration, and actual assistance in our work. The theme of the fall conference of the P. T. A. was "Uniting for Action". It is with the united action of the home, school and the community that our schools improve and our sons and daughters are able

to become better students, better citizens, and better individuals. "Let us not fail them".

CORNELIA E. WOLFE

Junior High School Principal

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. John C. Jakobek
Superintendent of Schools
Merrimac, Mass.

Dear Mr. Jakobek:

I submit the following annual report as Principal of Merrimac High School. The emphasis is on the extension of the high school guidance program and its expected outcome.

The two major aspects on which the program is based are group GUIDANCE and TESTING.

A period has been set aside each week for the purpose of group guidance. Each member of the faculty presents material prepared by the Science Research Association, along with other related materials, to assigned groups. Topics for discussion include such areas as, college preparation, occupational opportunities, family relationship, etc. Discussion is encouraged in these classes with the aim towards solving common problems on an exchange basis.

Any guidance program should be based on sound testing. It is necessary to establish areas of weaknesses and strengths both in abilities and interests in order to guide pupils in proper directions. The testing program which has been undertaken is based on two tests: Kuder Preference Test, and SRA Mental Abilities Test.

The Kuder Preference establishes an individual's desire for certain types of activities. When his preferences are identified, he can investigate the occupations that involve these activities. In this way, he narrows the field of investigation to those occupations most deserving of his attention. In many cases a person's attention may be called to an occupation for which he is suited, but which he had not previously considered simply because of unfamiliarity with it.

Sometimes an adolescent selects his career on the basis of superficial qualities, or for some reason well removed from the occupation itself. He may enter an occupation because his friends did, or because he once knew someone in that field, or because of the prestige value usually associated with the occupation. For these reasons, a check on career choice is very desirable before vocational preparation is far advanced.

Establishing preference is important but it must be substantiated by evidence of possible success based on needed abilities for the particular areas of interest. The S. R. A. Mental abilities Test is given to the student to establish ability factors. The test is constructed with the idea in mind that intelligence is not just a unitary trait but that it can be described in terms of several different abilities.

A student may be high in one primary mental ability and low in another. All of us are aware of youngsters who are especially good at some kinds of activity and relatively poor at others. The highly verbal student who has trouble with arithmetic is a common example. Most teachers, also, have seen children in their classes whose intelligence scores are the same, but who differ widely in their specific intellectual abilities.

When the student has completed the Kuder Preference and the Mental Abilities Test, his scores are profiled on separate charts and then a comparison is made. Interest

is allied with ability. When this is done, the student is given a personal interview at which time the scores are fully explained to him. The results of these tests give a realistic approach to individual guidance.

In the short time that this program has been in operation, I have observed excellent opportunity to give meaning and direction to our guidance program. All Seniors will be interviewed by February and then the Juniors will be completed by May. In the past, the major share of personal guidance has been done in the senior year but it is intended in the future to concentrate on this phase of our guidance program in the Junior year. This will allow the student to begin earlier preparations for his career following high school graduation.

Understanding the needs and ability of each student will also provide means of improving classroom instruction. A good society recognizes the importance of each individual member. In education, this recognition has led to the study of students as individuals and to the idea that boys and girls should be educated according to individual differences and needs. Only in this way can they develop into useful and happy members of society.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to the superintendent and members of the school board for providing this program. I am certain that the end results will justify their support.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. MORROW, Principal

1955 - 1956 HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Seniors**High Honor**

Richard Fowler
Barbara Sargent

Honor Roll

Joan Atwood
Eugene Getchell
Constance Hoyt
Carol Sharkey

Juniors**High Honor**

Marie Dressler
Judith Ferrick
Charles Getchell
Mary Kimbrell
Caleb Wolfe

Honor Roll

Patricia Cahill
George Denault

Sophomores**High Honor**

Lloyd Crossman

Honor Roll

Elizabeth Donaghue
Sheela Fowler
Marsha Hargraves
Margaret Staples

Freshmen**High Honor**

John McCarron

Honor Roll

Patricia Sowick

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

My report is herewith submitted for the period from January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

Number of school visits	130
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Number of home visits	307
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A complete physical examination was given to children in the first and fifth grades who were not examined by their own family physician.

A complete physical examination was given to all students of the freshman class.

A check-up was given to all other students of High School and Junior High School.

The Essex County Health Association has initiated a five-year tuberculin testing program. This is to determine the number of children who have been exposed unknowingly to tuberculosis. The Vollmer Patch is applied. Any child reacting to this test is taken for X-rays. The Patch Test was given in the first, fourth, seventh and ninth grades on February 6, 1956.

Number of students tested	216
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Number of students reacting and taken for X-rays	2
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Number given the Patch Test on November 5, 1956	211
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Number of students reacting and taken for X-rays	10
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Number of children receiving Salk Polio Vaccine in 1956 at clinics	735
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Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir and Mrs Cecile Sargent, public health nurse, helped at some of the clinics.

The Diptheria Clinic was held October 25 and November 29:

Number receiving the initial 3 doses	28
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Number receiving booster doses	239
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The Pre-School Clinic was held on May 16, 17 and 18:

Number examined at this time	53
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Number of children tested with Massachusetts Vision Test	541
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Number of children seen by an eye specialist and received treatment	33
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Number of children tested with Audiometer	516
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Number of children treated by a doctor to correct deafness	7
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Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE L. GLEED, School Nurse

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Our Lunchroom Staff:

Manager: Mrs. Margaret S. Martin

General Workers:

Mrs. Amber Murdock, Mrs. Esther Smith

Part - time Worker: Mrs. Mary Morgan

During the 1956 school year the School Lunch Program was completely self-supporting.

	1956	1955
Total number of Type A Lunches served	43,981	39,438
Total extra pints of milk served	16,269	9,384

The Type A Lunch consists of 2 oz. protein (either meat, fish, cheese, egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup beans or 4 tbsp. peanut butter) 1 slice bread, 2 tsp. butter, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup vegetable or fruit, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of unflavored milk.

The Special Milk Program consists of $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of unflavored milk for the children that bring their lunches from home, or desire extra milk with our Type A meal, or have a bottle of milk as a recess drink. The child pays 3 cents per bottle, and may buy one or more daily. Because the State and U. S. Government reimburse the School Lunch for each bottle purchased, it is possible to sell the milk at this price. This is to encourage the children to drink more milk.

The entire lunchroom staff has tried to attend all the lectures and classes conducted by the School Lunch Office in Boston, and the American School Food Service Association. These meetings are to keep us informed of any new methods, recipes and news of commodities. Such meetings were held on January 16th, in Medford; April 10th, in Winchester; May 26th, in Gloucester; and September 26th, in Boston.

The School Lunch Program held its 1st Annual Spring Workshop in Boston at the Boston Consolidated Gas Co. on April 16, 17, 18th. As school was in session in Merrimac, I attended these alone. I also attended the Annual School Lunch Workshop at the State Teachers College in Fitchburg for the week of July 16 to 20. I have tried to bring back as much as possible to our School Lunch so that we may really profit from the information they offer to us.

MARGARET S. MARTIN

School Lunch Manager

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY GRADES October 1, 1956

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

	1955	1956
Readiness Group	75	75
Adjustment Group	56	60
Mixed Level Group	64	63
Grade 4	50	67
Grade 5	40	54
Grade 6	48	37
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	333	356

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

	1955	1956
Grade 7	49	48
Grade 8	58	49
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	107	97

HIGH SCHOOL

	1955	1956
Freshman	36	54
Sophomore	27	26
Junior	21	24
Senior	18	21
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	102	125

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

	Gr. 9	Gr. 10	Gr. 11	Gr .12	Total
Haverhill Grade School	7	3	2	1	13
Essex Co. Agricultural	1	1	3		5
Haverhill Trade Extension					10
Haverhill Evening					6

**REPORT OF THE PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

To the Honorable Boards of Selectmen:

Towns of Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury

The third annual report of the Pentucket Regional School District Committee is submitted to you for your consideration. The report for the year 1956 marks the culmination of the planning stage for the regional Junior-Senior high school for which this district was formed and for which we have worked so long.

On Monday, December 17, 1956, ground was broken in a quiet ceremony before the influx of mechanical machines and earth-movers for the preparation of the site on which the approved Pentucket Regional Junior-Senior High School will stand. With this start, the construction stage of our school began.

Before presenting to you our report for 1956, let us retrace briefly the planning which has gone into this building which we believe will be an outstanding illustration of cooperative planning and an enduring contribution to the common weal of all the communities.

After a number of years of preparing and planning, the towns of Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury joined effectively to form what is now known as the Pentucket Regional School District. The actual date of acceptance whereby the district became operative by acceptance of the regional agreement was May 25, 1954. Due to complications in the manner of voting, it was necessary to secure a legislative enactment to give proper legal status to the district. This was passed on February 3, 1955.

From the time of the acceptance of the district by the people of the region, plans were formulated to provide our children with the type of education that they need and deserve. The advice and counsel of taxpayers, school administrators, teachers and educators was sought to enable the committee to plan this school. Some of these plans were outlined in the report for the year 1955 and will not be repeated here.

On March 9, 1956, this committee received the approval of the School Building Assistance commission for the preliminary plans of our proposed building. Preliminary plans provide for the number, shape, sizes and purposes of the classrooms. Upon the acceptance of these plans, the committee, in consultation with the architect, Harry Korslund of the architectural firm of Korslund, LeNormand and Quann, proceeded to a refinement of the needs of our school. Although this function has often been considered the sole province of the architect, and some building committees have chosen to allow the architect complete freedom of detail, it was the will of all to have frequent consultation in planning, to provide for the facilities in keeping with the immediate needs of our pupils, based on sound educational practice.

On October 11, 1956 the plans for the construction of the proposed school were advertized. On November 8th these bids were opened and a bond issue of \$1,876,000 in

addition to the \$84,000 bond issue of October 1, 1955 was authorized to construct and equip our school.

In accordance with the regional agreement, special town meetings were requested to approve or disapprove of the actions taken by the Regional School Committee. Special town meetings were held in the respective towns: on November 24, West Newbury voted favorably 213 - 6; on November 26, Merrimac voted favorably 204 - 1, and on November 27, Groveland voted unanimously 272 - 0 in favor of the action of the Pentucket Regional School Committee.

On December 10 the committee voted to award the construction bid for the proposed school to G. L. Rugo & Sons of Boston, low bidders, at a cost of \$1,461,600. On December 17 construction of the Pentucket Regional Junior-Senior High School began.

ALLOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS

The total cost of the building will include the \$84,000 bond issue dated October 1, 1955, nearly all of which was used in the planning costs and which is nearly 100% reimbursable by the School Building Assistance Commission. The \$1,876,000 voted in 1956 is to be used for the actual construction of the building, equipping it and grading the site. The breakdown of the total costs is as follows:

General contract	\$1,461,600.00
Architects' fees	102,312.00
Equipment	175,000.00
Cost of land	15,000.00
Site development	115,000.00
Other costs, including clerk of works, change orders, and contingencies	91,088.00
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	\$1,960,000.00

This building is being financed by the issuance of bonds approved in town meetings by each town. Each town's share of the amortization costs is controlled by the Regional School Agreement and based on the last equalized valuation (1945) as determined by the Bureau of Accounts and accepted by the Commonwealth.

The \$84,000 Bond Issue of 1955 (almost 100 % reimbursable)

Groveland	31.3456 % - \$26,330.30
Merrimac	39.7264 % - \$33,370.18
West Newbury	28.9280 % - \$24,299.52

The \$1,876,000 Bond Issue of 1957

School Bldg. Assistance Commission - 65 % - \$1,219,400.00
35 % of the building costs will be borne by the towns of the region as follows:

Groveland	31.3456 % of 35 %	\$205,815.21
Merrimac	39.7264 % of 35 %	\$260,843.54
West Newbury	28.9280 % of 35 %	\$189,941.25

WHAT FACILITIES WILL BE CONTAINED IN THIS SCHOOL?

The educational facilities can be described best in the following summary:

1. Twelve Junior high school classrooms in the junior high wing of the building for pupils in grades seven and eight.

2. The exclusive senior high school facilities are as follows:

7 General Classrooms

3 Rooms for Business Education

4 Science Rooms, one each for Physics, Chemistry, Biology and General Science

3. Classrooms to be used by both junior and senior high school students:

- 3 Home Economics rooms
- 1 Gymnasium with folding partition; locker and shower rooms
- 2 Corrective physical education rooms
- 2 Arts and Crafts rooms
- 2 General Shops
- 1 Shop Planning room
- 2 Music rooms
- 1 Auditorium and stage
- 1 Library
- 1 Guidance and counseling area

4. Administration facilities

5. A common Health area

6. A Cafeteria to be used by all students

THE NEED FOR THIS SCHOOL

Locally as well as nationally there has been an emphasis on conservation of natural resources (as forests, soil, water power), but perhaps the single most valuable of all resources, our natural human abilities, are now receiving more attention. In this respect we have always claimed that all individuals should be developed to their fullest capacities. This ideal, prevalent for more than a century, has not been generally realized for economic or social reasons.

The Regional School will take us closer to the goal of providing for all the abilities of our children. We have taken this step at a time which portends the need of this type of effort more so than ever before. Demands for efficient manpower are increased by our steady rise in standards of living with the development of mass communications, rapid transportation and technological advances.

The development of automation will make increasing inroads upon the pool of skilled manpower which is available. We need and all parents want to supply their children with the additional education which our society demands.

In nearly every field of endeavor, the current lack of skilled manpower shows needs which go unfilled. We need not turn for this information to technical journals, for the daily press and the demands of industry have kept us informed of the shortages. Right now there are many areas of scientific research demanding more personnel; engineering and technology, plagued by vacancies, are combing the colleges for talent; the health services lack adequately trained people; executive and supervisory services desire competent leadership; others are in similar straits.

By providing our children with the education, guidance and determination they need, we will not only be preparing them to assume their places in our communities, but also preparing them for the ever-changing society in which we live. Your Regional School, since it is planned to meet the needs of your children, will make a substantial contribution to your and their welfare.

From a practical point of view, the coming of this school solves most of the housing problems of the three towns. The Town of Groveland, which has tuitioned most of its high school students to Haverhill and a smaller number to Georgetown, was being faced with a discontinuation of this policy due to the forthcoming critical classroom situation in these places. The rooms left vacant by the seventh and eighth grades at the Groveland High School Building will be needed to accomodate the increasing elementary school population.

Merrimac has had a platoon system for several years at its high school building for both the junior and senior high school pupils. This school plant was taxed to its capacity and provided limited educational services due to its nature and crowded conditions.

The Central School in West Newbury was overcrowded with its present school population and the departure of grades seven and eight will permit a more flexible elementary school arrangement when the Regional School opens. The tuitioning of high school pupils to Newburyport, though it has proved to be very helpful, was a temporary arrangement which will be solved when this school opens.

OPENING OF REGIONAL SCHOOL

Your Regional High School is scheduled for opening at the beginning of the 1958 school year. Present estimates provide for an enrollment of 660 students the first year, with an increasing school population of nearly 750 students about 1965. A general levelling in the rise of the school population will provide accommodations for the children of the three towns for many years to come.

SCHOOL SITE

The Pentucket Regional School will be located in West Newbury on property formerly owned by the Albertson family. This site lies on Route 113 and adjoins the Groveland town line. The area acquired for the erection of this school contains 19.506 acres of land.

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Regional School Committee pays homage to the memory of Mr. Francis E. Harriman, member of the Groveland School Committee and Regional School Committee, who passed away on January 16, 1956. His untimely passing was a personal loss to each member of this committee. His sincerity and devotion to duty made his loss a grievous one.

The Pentucket Regional School Committee held

- 12 regular monthly meetings
- 8 special meetings
- 3 meetings with the School Building Assistance Commission
- 1 meeting with the Emergency Finance Board
- 4 sub-committee meetings
- 8 special open hearings on matters pertaining to the Pentucket Regional School

The Regional Committee is composed of the three members of the Groveland and West Newbury School Committees, and the Merrimac Committee, now composed of five members, elects three of its members to the Regional Committee. During 1956 the Groveland members were as follows, with their terms of service:

Mr. Francis E. Harriman, died January 16, 1956

Dr. Douglas V. Crook, served throughout 1956; chairman of committee April 2, 1956-

Mr. Joseph E. Joyce, Jr., resigned November 12, 1956

Mr. Harold A. Bilodeau, elected March 12, 1956

Mr. Sydney A. O'Neill, named November 15, 1956 to fill out unexpired term of Mr. Joyce

West Newbury members during 1956:

Miss Louise E. Mills

Mr. Leo A. Soucy

Mr. T. Tait Bender

Merrimac members during 1956:

Mr. Irving A. Blake, term terminated April 1, 1956

Mrs. Virginia Webster, term began April 2, 1956

Mr. Carl Olson

Mr. Kenneth Fowle

The treasurer's report and the 1957 budget will be

found on the following pages.

DR. DOUGLAS V. CROOK, Chairman
 T. TAIT BENDER, Vice Chairman
 MRS. VIRGINIA WEBSTER
 MISS LOUISE E. MILLS
 MR. LEO A. SOUCY
 CARL G. OLSON
 KENNETH FOWLE
 HAROLD A. BILODEAU
 SYDNEY A. O'NEILL

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pentucket Regional School Committee has adopted the following Budget for 1957:

AMORTIZATION:

Principal ('55 issue of \$84,000) ...\$	5,000.00
Interest ('55 issue of \$84,000)	2,172.50
Interest ('57 issue of \$1,876,000)	
1½ year at 3.2 %	30,016.00

Total Amortization Costs	\$ 37,188.50
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OPERATING COSTS:

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 500.00
Office Expense	200.00
Treasurer's Salary	500.00
Treasurer's Expense; File, etc.	150.00
Treasurer's Bond	750.00
Legal Fees	500.00
Contingencies	2,000.00

Total Operating Costs	\$ 4,600.00
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	\$ 41,788.50
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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1957 BUDGET DETERMINATION BY TOWNS

	Enrollment per town October 1, 56	% of Total Enrollment	PLUS % of Assessed Valuation =	 1/2 of Preceding Column = % of 1957 Operating Costs
GROVELAND	259	38.8306	31.3456	70.1762
MERRIMAC	254	38.0810	39.7264	77.8074
WEST NEWBURY	154	23.0884	28.9280	52.0164
TOTAL	667			35.0881 38.9037 26.0082

	Amortization	Operating Costs	Total
	Total - \$37,188.50	Total - \$4,600.00	
GROVELAND	31.3456 or \$11,656.96	35.0881 or \$ 1,614.05	\$ 13,271.01
MERRIMAC	39.7264 or 14,773.65	38.9037 or \$ 1,789.57	\$ 16,563.22
WEST NEWBURY	28.9280 or 10,757.89	26.0082 or \$ 1,196.38	3 11,954.27
	\$37,188.50	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 41,788.50

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash Balance January 1, 1956\$ 83,505.92

Receipts

Assessments to the Towns\$ 10,110.00

Interest on U. S. Treasury Bills 544.52

\$ 10,654.52

\$ 94,160.44

Expenditures

Operating and Maintenance\$ 1,629.80

Construction 68,662.77

Amortization 7,310.00

School Site 15,000.00

\$ 92,602.57

Cash Balance on Hand December 31, 1956 \$ 1,557.87

Receipts

Assessment to Town of Merrimac \$ 3,993.50

Assessment to Town of Groveland 3,268.13

Assessment, West Newbury 2,848.37

Interest on U. S. Treasury Bills 544.52

Total Receipts\$ 10,654.52

Expenditures

Superintendent's Salary\$ 500.00

Treasurer's Salary 300.00

Legal Fees 225.00

Brochures 455.20

Treasurer's Bond 50.00

Office Supplies 61.66

Budget Advertisement	11.58	
Postage	26.36	
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Total Operating and Maintenance Costs	\$	1,629.80
Architect	\$	65,000.00
Consultant	2,666.67	
Surveying	750.00	
Advertising for Construction Bids	171.10	
Digging Test Pits	75.00	
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Total Construction Costs	\$	68,662.77
Note on \$84,000.00 Bond Issue	\$	5,000.00
Interest on \$84,000.00 Bond Issue	2,310.00	
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Total Amortization Costs	\$	7,310.00
School Site	\$	15,000.00
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Total Expenditures	\$	92,602.57

SYDNEY A. O'NEILL, Treasurer

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